

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR USE AND CONDUCT
UPON TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES**

Pursuant to an Ordinance titled “Ordinance Authorizing the Board of Selectmen to Regulate the Use of Town Owned Properties” adopted November 2, 2009, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cornwall hereby adopts the following Rules and Regulations for Use and Conduct upon the following Town Owned Properties: The Foote Fields at Route 4; Hubbard Field at School Street; Hammond Beach at Lake Road; and the Town Green at Pine Street.

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Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of these regulations is to provide for comfortable, pleasant and safe Town Owned Properties for those entitled to use them.

Section 2. Definitions.

Town Owned Properties, when used herein, shall mean the following real properties owned and administered by the Town of Cornwall, which are devoted to recreational uses: The Foote Fields at Route 4; Hubbard Field at School Street; Hammond Beach at Lake Road; and the Town Green at Pine Street.

Section 3. Damaging, Defacing or Destroying Property Prohibited.

No person shall deface, damage, remove, injure, mutilate, destroy, diminish or impair the value of public or private real or personal property located within any Town Owned Properties in the Town of Cornwall, including, but without limitation, buildings, structures, fences, walls, railings, vehicles, benches, recreational equipment or safety devices, signs or trees, shrubs or vegetation, or any other property in any Town Owned Properties, located thereon or growing therein.

No person shall excavate for, or erect or install, or perform any act as part of or commencement of excavation, erection, or installation for a permanent or temporary structure or facility in or on any Town Owned Properties.

No person shall litter or cast or allow to remain rubbish or trash of any kind or nature in or about any Town Owned Properties, including any surrounding water area. All garbage/rubbish is to be deposited in trash cans provided and lids securely replaced, or placed into trash bags, securely tied, or to be removed from the Town Owned Properties by the user.

Section 4. Parking.

The operation of a motor vehicle within the Town Owned Properties shall only be done on the roadways or established parking areas.

Section 5. Public Nuisances Affecting Public Peace and Safety are Prohibited.

All unnecessary noises made by playing of radios or other electronic devices and by swearing, threatening, assaulting, striking or fighting or quarrelling, cursing or using obscene language or conversation, or any lewd or lascivious conduct, or any harassment, or any unusual noises which are a nuisance affecting the public peace and/or safety are prohibited.

Section 6. Property Use and Safety.

(a) Local organizations wishing to use the Town Owned Properties for special events must send a letter to the Selectmen's Office asking for permission and approval of the date at least ten (10) days prior to the event. No such special event shall be held without such permission.

(b) Owners of or persons attending pets must pick up and dispose of their pet's feces. No pets are allowed on the Hammond Beach swimming beach or in water at Hammond Beach.

(c) No person shall consume, sell or possess with intent to consume any alcoholic beverages within the limits of any Town Owned Properties unless the Director of the facility has first given a permit to do so.

(d) No person shall build a fire in any place on any Town Owned Properties, except in fireplaces or receptacles provided for the building of fires. All fires may be prohibited during extremely dry weather. All fires must be fully extinguished before a person leaves the area.

(e) Unauthorized camping is not allowed on Town Owned Properties.

(f) It is unlawful for any person to be on Town Owned Properties during the hours from dusk until 6:00 a.m. unless the Town has issued a permit.

(g) The Director of each Town Owned Properties designated by the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to determine from time to time the areas in which other activities and conduct referred to in this ordinance shall be permitted or prohibited and shall post appropriate signs notifying persons of the area in which the conduct or activities referred to herein are permitted or prohibited.

(h) Carrying or transporting loaded firearms on Town Owned Properties, or using any firearm, bow and arrow, air rifle, slingshot or other missile propelling weapon thereon shall not be permitted within the Town Owned Properties, except as otherwise permitted by law.

(i) It is unlawful for any person to deface or destroy any notice of the Rules and Regulations for Use and Conduct Upon Town Owned Properties, which shall have been posted or permanently fixed by order or permission of the Town.

Section 7. Hammond Beach: Additional Rules and Regulations.

The following Rules and Regulations apply only to Hammond Beach:

(a) All persons swim at their own risk.

(b) Swimming is prohibited under the floats and docks.

(c) The lifeline surrounding the swimming area is there for protection. Swimmers are not permitted beyond the lifeline. Swimmers are not permitted to hang on the lifeline or the buoys.

(d) No person shall swim in an area in which signs have been posted prohibiting swimming. In all areas where swimming is permitted, the Director of Hammond Beach shall have the authority to prohibit the use of such equipment as he deems dangerous to persons engaged in swimming and to prohibit such activities or conduct as he deems dangerous or hazardous to those engaging in it or to other persons at Hammond Beach. When a sign has been posted prohibiting the use of such equipment or engagement in such activities or conduct as may be specified therein, no person shall use such equipment or engage in such activities or conduct.

(e) No pushing, running, playing tag or other horseplay is permitted on the floats or docks.

(f) Glass of any kind, metal cans or toys capable of inflicting injury are prohibited in the beach area.

(g) Admittance to the beach is by permit only.

(h) Children under 12 must be accompanied by persons 16 years of age or older.

(i) Adults must accompany small children to the toilet.

(j) The lifeguard office is off limits to patrons.

(k) Swimming beyond the designated swimming area is prohibited.

(l) Swimming to the rafts is at the discretion of the lifeguards. Patrons may be asked to perform a swim test.

- (m) Vehicles must not be parked in the driveway or in any way block access by emergency vehicles.
- (n) Dogs are not allowed on the beach.
- (o) Do not trespass beyond designated beach area.
- (p) Free floating objects are not allowed outside of the roped off beginners' area. This includes life jackets, unless supervised by the Water Safety Instructor.
- (q) Do not play radios or recorders without personal earphones.
- (r) Launching of boats, rafts or boards is not permitted from the beach area.
- (s) Fishing is not allowed from the beach area. The use of nets is permitted.
- (t) Children must wear appropriate attire. This means bathing suits or swim diaper at all times when in the water.
- (u) Smoking is not allowed.
- (v) Seal soiled diapers in plastic before disposing of them.
- (w) Bicycles are not allowed beyond the beach house.
- (x) No roughhousing in or out of the water is permitted.
- (y) Dock and Raft Rules:
 - No pushing one another off docks or rafts;
 - No running on docks or rafts;
 - No swimming under docks or rafts;
 - Diving is allowed only in the deep water;
 - Back diving is not allowed.
- (z) Beach Director has the authority to dismiss any person or persons from the grounds for inappropriate conduct or non-compliance with the rules and regulations of the beach.
- (aa) Lost permit cards can be replaced by the Beach Director or Selectman's Office.
- (bb) Beach opens in June. Beach hours are established by the Beach Director and currently are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Beach closure is established by the Beach Director and currently is Labor Day weekend. Use of the Hammond Beach after hours is prohibited; unless specifically allowed by a permit issued by the Beach Director.
- (cc) Do not swim if you have a fever or are sick.

(dd) Permits may be revoked after warning by the Beach Director for failure to obey beach regulations.

(ee) Patrons who verbally or physically abuse lifeguards will be asked to leave. Any questions or complaints must be directed to the Beach Director.

(ff) Guests are limited to 5 per card holder per visit and are to be accompanied by a permit holder.

(gg) Board of Selectmen will set reasonable fees which currently are: Guest fees are \$10.00 for the weekend or \$2.00 per person per day, children under 16 \$.50 per day.

Section 8. Director of Town Owned Properties.

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint one or more persons to be a Director of each of the Town Owned Properties. The name or names shall be posted with these Rules and Regulations at the facility.

Section 9. Enforcement, Violations, Penalties.

(a) Any person, including the Director of such Town Owned Properties and any Selectman, may bring any apparent violation of these regulations to the attention of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for investigating and taking action, if necessary, to enforce these regulations. Any person who violates any of the foregoing rules or regulations shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for each violation. No citation shall issue until after a written warning providing notice of the specific violation has been given. The First Selectmen is authorized to issue all such citations.

(b) Any person who violates any provision of these regulations more than three times in any twelve (12) month period may have privileges to use said Town Owned Properties suspended until reinstated by the Board of Selectmen.

(c) Any person who causes damage to any Town Owned Properties or to any improvement or personal property located therein shall be responsible to pay the reasonable expense to repair or replace such damage or damaged improvement or personal property.

Section 10. Availability of Rules and Regulations.

A copy of these Rules and Regulations shall be available to the public in the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours and shall be posted at each Town Owned Properties.

Section 11. Amendment.

These Rules and Regulations may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

Adopted by the Board of Selectman November 2, 2009.

Posted at Town Owned Properties and Town Clerk's office November 2, 2009.