

We the undersigned persons qualified to vote at Town Meeting at the Town of New Hartford, hereby present this petition pursuant to Section 7-1 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, request that the following item be placed on the call of a Town Meeting:

Item 1: To adopt and consider the following rules governing the use of Town parks;

**Rules and Regulations
New Hartford Parks**

1. Park hours are Sunrise to Sunset except at
 - Chapin Park to allow use of the skating rink with the approval of the Historic District Commission
 - Camp buildings located at Brodie Park North
 - Berkshire HallActivities in these locations must be quiet after sunset to avoid disturbing the neighbors.
2. The parks are open to the Public. A sticker and/or walk-in pass is required for access to the beach per current fee schedule.
3. Beach guests must be accompanied by a Beach Pass Holder.
4. Buildings are available for organized use upon written request or when open for public access.
5. During approved organized use of a park, the area set aside for a function is off limits to everyone with the exception of participants, proper authorities, and members of the public who wish to walk through to gain access to other areas of the park, so long as they do not linger or disrupt the approved activity. The reserved area will be clearly defined in writing. A written copy of this definition will be available to the public at any time at the location of the event. The leader of the event will carry a copy of this description on his/her person during the event. Markers of the physical boundaries of the reserved area will be posted at clearly visible points around the area.
6. Swimming will be allowed in designated areas only. Specific regulations concerning swimming will be posted in the appropriate areas.
7. Picknicking, fishing, BBQ/grilling, games and other non-supervised activities are welcome in designated areas. However, all guests are responsible for their own safety.
8. Athletic facilities (the tennis court, basketball court, volleyball court and skate park) are available on a first come first serve basis when they have not been reserved for a specific function. Users must take care of the area.
9. Boat launching and/or beaching is permitted only in designated areas.



10. Pets shall be allowed in the parks but only in non-prohibited areas, and only while on a leash. Prohibited areas are the beach, athletic fields at Brown's Corner, tennis court, basketball court, volleyball court, skate park, skating rink and any other area determined and defined by Town Meeting. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

11. Parking is allowed only in designated areas. Special parking areas that are not temporary in nature are subject to Town Meeting authorization.

12. Noise must be maintained at levels that do not interfere with other users of the park or neighbors. Noise-producing equipment must be approved by the Recreation Commission and a 2/3 majority of the neighbors whose property is within 500 yards of the park.

13. Unauthorized overnight camping is prohibited.

14. Hunting and trapping are prohibited in all areas. Fishing is allowed in the boat launch area but not the beach or swimming area.

15. Everyone must use designated entrances. Creation of any new entrances must be approved by Town Meeting.

16. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited except for specific events at Berkshire Hall (such as wedding receptions) that are authorized by the Recreation Department/Commission.

17. Use of unregistered motorized vehicles, including but not limited to ATVs, snowmobiles, and any other off-road type vehicles are prohibited except for law enforcement or emergency rescue situations.

18. Anyone wishing to hold group activities must notify and receive authorization from the Recreation Commission and/or Recreation Director. Forms will be provided to help the group organizer communicate the scope of the event to ensure proper consideration can be given by the Recreation Commission/Director. Any long-term group activity at a park that represents a change of use or more intense use that has not previously been approved at Town Meeting must be approved by Town Meeting.

19. Infractions of the regulations may result in the loss of privileges and/or law enforcement actions.

20. Children 12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

21. Open fires are prohibited unless previously authorized.

22. All park usage must be in conformity with all other Town boards, commissions and regulations as applicable.

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