



## Town of Pittsford

### ORDINANCE FOR THE USE OF TOWN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

The Select Board of the Town of Pittsford, under the authority of 24 V.S.A., Chapter 61, Subchapter 11, Section 11, and such other Statutes as may be applicable, hereby adopt the following ordinance:

#### Section 1- Purpose:

To preserve and protect public property from willful or malicious destruction or defacement; to prevent theft of public property; and to deter the unapproved or illegal use of public property.

#### Section 2 – Definitions:

Town Park: An area of land, for the enjoyment of the public, having facilities for rest and recreation, often owned, set apart, and managed by the Town. Such as, but not limited to the following designated park areas:

- Recreation Area
- Village Green
- Recreation Trails

#### Section 3 – Restrictions:

A person shall not enter, for the purposes of loitering or congregating, on to a Town Park, or parking areas provided to facilitate public use of the park, during a period when it is closed to the public unless permitted to do so under provisions of Section 4 of this ordinance.

All Town Parks shall be closed for public gatherings or events at 10:00pm and shall reopen at 6:00am.

#### Section 4 – Special Events, Activities, and Waivers:

A person seeking authority for a special event or group activity within a Town park when it is closed to public or during normal park hours shall file with the Recreation Director an application containing:

- a) The name, address, email address, and phone number of the applicant
- b) The hours, date, and time of such use of Town park property
- c) The proposed location of the special event or activity
- d) The purpose of the special event or activity
- e) Applicants plan to ensure public safety and damage prevention plan

Applications may be downloaded from the Town of Pittsford website.

The application shall be filed at least 15 days prior to the proposed special event or group activity. However, the Recreation Director may waive this requirement if determined upon receipt of the application that the applicant has satisfied the requirements listed below:

- a) Submitted a complete and accurate application
- b) Proposed a special event or group activity which is within the intent or purpose of this ordinance.
- c) Proposed adequate arrangements to ensure the safety of the public and persons to be present at the special event or group activity
- d) Proposed adequate plans to insure the prevention of damage to Town property.

Section 5 – Alcohol:

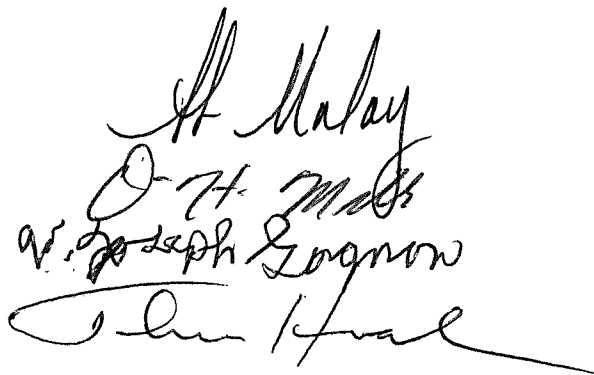
- a) The consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all Town owned public property, including buildings, parks, playgrounds, etc., unless a Vermont Department of Liquor Control Caterers Permit has been approved by the Select Board or Town Clerk for a specific event or activity.
- b) The Caterer must follow all Liquor Control laws and regulations (what applies to a first or first and third class license also applies to the caterer's license).
- c) The Caterer must have a defined area for serving and consumption of alcohol with designated barriers.
- d) The Caterer must provide a sufficient number of employees for control purposes.
- e) The Recreation Department may request individuals to acknowledge and agree to an Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability for certain activities to allow participants to bring their own alcohol.

Section 6 – Penalties:

A person who violates a provision of this Ordinance or of any of its terms or conditions shall be guilty of a civil violation. Any person found guilty of a civil violation shall be fined \$500 for each violation. The waiver penalty for each offense shall be \$250.00.

Section 7 – Effective Date:

This Ordinance was approved by the Select Board of the Town of Pittsford at its duly warned meeting on the 18 day of October, 2023 and shall be effective immediately.



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