

**TOWN OF LYME**  
**Lyme, New Hampshire**

	<b>TITLE:</b> <b>Recreation Areas By-Law</b>	
	<b>NUMBER: 00-001</b>	
	<b>ISSUE DATE: 06-19-08</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 06-19-08</b>

Recreation Areas By-Laws

Note: The Town of Lyme at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 9, 1993, hereby repeals the Town of Lyme Beach Bylaw adopted by the Lyme Town Meeting on March 13, 1979, and rescinds the regulations previously adopted by the Recreation Committee in October of 1982, and rescinds the regulations adopted by the Selectmen on July 8, 1987, and rescinds all other regulations previously adopted regarding the Town Recreation Area and adopts the following by-law in accordance with the changes and modifications that were made by the Board of Selectmen on 06-14-04 and 06-19-2008. The fine schedule was defined at the Board of Selectmen's meeting of 04-08-2010.

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**Purpose and Authority:** This by-law is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town to make bylaws/ordinances as provided in RSA 31:39. The purpose of this by-law/ordinance is to protect and preserve the town recreation properties for the use and benefit of all residents of Lyme and their guests.

**Section 1.1: General Regulations:** The following regulations apply to the recreation areas at Post Pond including Chase Beach, Memorial Field, the Arnie Pushee Basketball Court and the Tennis Courts but do not apply to boat launch facility (which is covered by a separate document).

- A. Recreation areas are for the use of Lyme residents and their guests.
- B. All recreation areas will be closed from dusk to dawn. (with the exception of authorized events)
- C. All motor vehicles shall be parked in the parking lot and are not allowed in the beach or field areas. Permits are required in the parking area.
- D. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the beach, courts or playing fields. Persons carrying alcoholic beverages into these areas will be ordered to leave and may be prosecuted for violation of this by-law/ordinance.
- E. All domestic animals (with the exception of service animals) shall be located and/or kept on the road or in the parking lot and not at any time allowed in the Chase Beach, Memorial Field, basketball court, and/or tennis court areas.

- F. No Camping and/or overnight activities are permitted without prior written permission from the Recreation Commission.
- G. All litter and trash will be deposited in the marked containers or carried away.
- H. Vendors or peddlers shall not be allowed without prior written permission of the Recreation Commission.
- I. No fires of any kind are allowed except in a fireplace or raised barbecue grill after a permit is obtained from the Town's Forest Fire Warden.

**Section 2.1: Chase Beach Regulations:** All persons in the Chase Beach area or in the designated swimming area shall at all times follow the directions of the Lifeguards. Any person that refuses to follow such directions may be ordered to leave. Use of profanity, boisterous behavior, or uncooperative conduct which impinges on the rights of others to enjoy the beach will not be tolerated. All Children 12 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

- A. Only authorized personnel are allowed on the lifeguard stand.
- B. No running on or diving from the docks.
- C. No swimming under the docks or float.
- D. The waters defined by the floating rope barriers shall be entered only from the beach area. No person shall swim into or out of the defined swimming area.
- E. No person shall operate or sail any boat of any kind within 25 feet of the designated swimming area. Boats may not come ashore on or be launched from Chase Beach.
- F. No person may fish from the beach area at any time.
- G. No flotation devices may be used.
- H. No disposable diapers. No bare bottoms.
- I. Use of the beach and swimming area may be restricted at designated times for Recreation Commission programs such as swimming instructions or courses in water safety.

**Section 3.1: Basketball and Tennis Court Regulations:** All persons using the court areas shall abide by the posted regulations for use of this area. In addition,

- A. Bikes, skateboards or other wheeled vehicles are prohibited at all times.
- B. Soft-soled shoes must be worn at all times.

**Section 4.1: Memorial Field Regulations:** The use, scheduling and improvements of the softball/baseball field is under the jurisdiction of the Lyme Recreation Commission and Lyme men's softball teams. Use of the field by other groups must be obtained from the Recreation Commission in writing.

**Section 5.1: Boat Rack regulations:** Town of Lyme residents wishing to use the boat rack area must follow the listed rules:

- A. All boats are the sole responsibility of the owners. The Town of Lyme is not responsible for any vandalism or damage to any boat left on these boat racks or in this general area.
- B. You must have your name and address clearly marked on the boat.
- C. Boats may not winter on these racks. No boats are permitted between December 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Boats remaining on the racks after December 1<sup>st</sup> will be treated as abandoned property.
- D. The Town of Lyme holds a once a year Independence celebration fireworks show. The boat rack is within the safety zone of the fireworks and this area is subject to falling debris that may damage your boat. The town will not be held responsible for any damage that may occur during this event.

**Section 6.1: Group Uses of Recreation Facilities:** Groups wishing to use the Lyme recreation areas must obtain specific written permission from the Recreation Commission.

- A. "Groups" is defined as all groups of fifteen (15) or more persons.
- B. Groups must use the following procedures:
  - 1. A person authorized to represent the group must make application for the use of the area to the Recreation Commission or Selectmen at a date no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of use. The group must meet the following requirements:
    - a. The group shall agree to reimburse the Town for any expenses incurred by it as a result of scheduling the event. Requirements which may result in the group incurring an expense are as follows:
      - i. Adequate police supervision as required by law and arranged by the Lyme Police Department .
      - ii. Placement of portable toilets if required by the Recreation Commission.
      - iii. Arrangements for the disposal of all rubbish resulting from the scheduling of the group event.
      - iv. Agreement to reimburse the Recreation Commission for the expense of hiring extra personnel at the beach if the beach supervisor deems it necessary.
      - v. Agreement to abide by all existing regulations governing the use of the area.
    - b. Failure to fully comply with these requirements will result in denial of the use of the area.

**Section 7.1: Enforcement, Violations, Penalties:** Any person who violates this by-law/ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.00 for each offense. Fine Schedule: \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for a second offense and \$100.00 for a third or subsequent offense occurring within a one

year period. Registered owners of vehicles, trailers, or watercraft in violation of any section shall be subject to penalties.

**Section 8.1: Severability:** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this by-law/ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this by-law/ordinance.

**Section 9.1: Amendments:** Further amendments to this by-law/ordinance may be made by the Board of Selectmen, upon recommendation of the Recreation Commission, after holding a public hearing, without a vote of the Town Meeting. (Public Hearings & Amendments: 06-16-04, 05-29-08, 06-19-08, 08-12-2010)