

**TOWN OF CAMDEN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE**

Sec. 1 Establishment

There is hereby established a Parks and Recreation Committee, comprised of 5 members appointed by the Camden Select Board for three-year terms and 2 alternates appointed by the Select Board for one-year terms.

The Committee shall be comprised of Camden residents and, to the greatest extent possible, shall include members of broad representation and with a keen interest in parks and recreation.

In addition to the members above, the following shall serve as Committee liaisons: a member of the Camden Select Board.

The Committee shall elect one of its members to be chairperson, a member or town employee to serve as recording secretary, and other officers as it deems necessary.

Sec. 2 Duties of Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- (1) To advise the Select Board regarding policy for the operation, maintenance, capital improvement, use, and usage fees at the Snow Bowl, Ragged Mountain Recreation Area, Laite Beach, Shirttail Point, Barrett's Cove, Seabright Park, Megunticook River Walk, Hodson Park, Land's End picnic sites, Lake Megunticook boat ramps, and other facilities operated and/or maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. These other facilities include but are not limited to the Village Green, the Public Landing (beginning 15 feet from the harbor bulkhead), Public Landing restrooms, the Maiden Cliff Trail, and certain Town properties where the Department provides mowing services, such as the Town cemeteries.
- (2) To review with the Director of Parks and Recreation on a regular basis the budgeting, operational, maintenance, and capital improvement plans for the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (3) To address long-range strategic plans and planning issues for the Parks and Recreation Department. Such long-range planning may include facility acquisition, major facility upgrades and improvements, ongoing programs, and future program offerings.
- (4) To assist the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Town Manager in developing goals for the ensuing year, and to review those goals and achievements on a regular basis.

(5) To evaluate the plans of special-interest groups in the community who utilize, or seek to utilize, Camden's Parks and Recreation facilities. Committee members will serve as liaisons with such groups as:

- the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Foundation,
- The Ragged Mountain Ski and Snowboard Club,
- the U.S. National Toboggan Championships Committee,
- the Midcoast Chapter of the New England Mountain Biking Association,
- the Megunticook Rowing,
- the Camden Hills Regional High School Athletic Department,
- various sports leagues,
- the Camden Garden Club,
- the Camden Conservation Commission,
- the Camden/Rockport Pathways Committee, and others.

This liaison relationship is designed to coordinate planned or current facility usage by these groups, and to help the Director of Parks and Recreation hear and resolve any issues with the same.

(6) To collaborate with regional, state and national groups involved in promoting and improving the use and/or usefulness of public recreational activities and facilities, and to recommend appropriate programs to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Sec. 3 Administration

Rules of procedure shall be consistent with all Town boards and committees.

Adopted by Camden Select Board on 12/1/2009