Regulations for the Use of Governor Weare Park

1. PURPOSE

In order to promote public safety and preserve the integrity of Governor Weare Park, the Town of Hampton Falls, under the authority provided by RSA 41:11, 41:11e, 31:112, 35-B, 36-A-4 and 202-A-6 hereby enacts the following ordinance:

2. HOURS OF USE

The public will be permitted to use the Park each day from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour before sunset. Any use beyond these designated hours must receive prior approval.

3. PERMITTED USE

The Parks and Recreation Commission may grant permits for the use of the Park. The fields will only be used for approved permitted uses after a permit has been obtained. The commission reserves the right to discontinue scheduling any group which does not follow the regulations for use. Field uses that are deemed to be for profit will be denied.

4. SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

Events shall be scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Commission. All necessary forms, certificates and applications must be filled out by the head coordinator of the proposed use and returned to the Parks and Recreation Commission before any use can begin.

5. PREFERENCE FOR HAMPTON FALLS RESIDENTS

Preference for the use of the park will be given to Hampton Falls residents, organizations and organizations that include Hampton Falls residents.

6. RESPONSIBLE PARTY

All uses shall have an individual designated as responsible for the conduct of participants and the cleanup of the area.

7. FEES

The Parks and Recreation Commission will approve a fee and rate schedule for the use of Governor Weare Park.
8. INSURANCE

Groups permitted to use Governor Weare Park must obtain Certificates of Insurance confirming the town as additionally insured. Such certifications shall also confirm Bodily Injury and Property Damage limits not less than:

a. $1,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate annually; and

b. such confirmation shall be by insurance company(ies) licensed to write insurance in New Hampshire and carrying current Standard and Poor’s Ratings not less than AA.

No change in the policy will be permitted without first providing to the Town 10 days advance notice of same.

9. INDEMNIFICATION

The applicant agrees to indemnify and hold the Town harmless for any and all claims which may arise out of the use of the park by the applicant. Indemnification responsibility is limited to those situations where the Town is not responsible for the acts or conduct giving rise to the claim.

10. ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO THE PARK

Applications for uses deemed harmful to the Park or which may be injurious to the public health, safety and welfare or which are not covered under applicant’s insurance will be denied.

11. NETS AND GOALS

Nets and goals used for any practice or game are the responsibility of the team or organization who has applied for the use. It will be the coach’s responsibility that any net or goal is properly anchored or secured so it will not tip over accidentally and cause injury. The Town of Hampton Falls does not own or supply goals or nets and is not responsible for their use. The Parks and Recreation Commission may require teams and organizations to periodically change goal and net locations in order to protect and preserve turf conditions. Lining the fields for games shall be the responsibility of the permitted user(s) and not the responsibility of the town. All groups using the fields are expected to participate in the cost of lining the fields.

12. USE DURING WET CONDITIONS

Use of playing fields during wet conditions unless otherwise posted by the Town of Hampton Falls will be at the discretion of the head coach or program coordinator. Use of the fields under excessively wet conditions can damage turf. Any organization that uses the fields in wet conditions will be held responsible for field damage. The applicant should document the condition of the field before its use as the organization using the field is responsible for any damage.

13. NOTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS

Any issues, problems or damage with the fields, equipment or facilities should be reported immediately to the police and/or the Parks and Recreation field coordinator.

14. PETS

All animals must be leashed. No animals are allowed on the playing fields. Animal waste must be removed from grass areas.
15. LITTER

There will be no littering. Trash and recycling have separate containers and are supplied by the Town. Any group using the field is responsible for the cleanup of the field. The head coach or group coordinator will inspect the area for proper disposal of trash, recycling and all liquid containers at the end of each use.

16. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

17. NOTIFICATION

It will be the responsibility of the Town to notify the police department of all scheduled events at the Park.

18. PENALTY

Violators of this ordinance will be subject to a penalty not to exceed $1,000 for each offense.

19. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of any other provision.

20. INCONSISTENCY WITH OTHER ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. Where there is a conflict, this ordinance will control.

21. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Hampton Falls Board of Selectman.

22. ADOPTION

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 17, 2014.

Richard P. McDermott, Chairman
Maryann Kasprzak, Vice Chairwoman
Larry M. Smith, Selectman

I certify that on 10/6/2014, the above Ordinance was sent to the Police Chief, Clerk of the Hampton District Court and Town Counsel.

Lori A. Ruest, Town Administrator

Received and Recorded Date: 10/6/14

Holly E. Knowles, Town Clerk

09/2014
I have read and understand the regulations for use of Governor Weare Park

Name: ____________________________________ Organization: ____________________________

Signature: ________________________________ Date: _______________________________