

**General Regulations
Mayo Farm Recreation Zone
Town of Stowe, VT**

The Selectboard of the Town of Stowe hereby ordains:

Section I. Authority:

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted the Town to promote the health, safety, welfare, and convenience contained in 24 VSA §2291 and Section 203 of the Town of Stowe Charter. This ordinance shall be a civil ordinance within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59.

Section II. General Provisions:

- a. It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the use of the Mayo Farm Recreation Zone in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- b. Visitors use the Recreation Zone at their own risk. The Town is not responsible for theft, personal injury, property damage or other loss. Such losses, however, should be reported to the town.
- c. The term Recreation Zone as used herein shall mean property owned or controlled by the Town of Stowe, containing up to 36 acres within Fields J, K, & L of the Mayo Farm located off West Hill Road.

Section III. Conduct:

- a. The following conduct and activities are **prohibited** within the Recreation Zone:
 1. Amplification of sound, including use of loudspeakers and bullhorns;
 2. Any activity that involves motorized or mechanized equipment, except for the following: vehicles for transporting people to and from the Recreation Zone, vehicles for maintenance, agricultural, safety or emergency purposes, and snowmobiling along designated corridors;
 3. The possession of glass containers, including bottles;
 4. Overnight camping;
 5. The idling of busses other than to pick up and discharge passengers;
 6. The discharge of firearms of any description, including, but not limited to, air rifles, gas weapons, firecrackers, and explosives except by law enforcement officers in the performance of a legal duty;
 7. Starting or making open fires;
 8. The hitting of golf balls;
 9. The sale of goods, products or wares of any kind, except for the minor and incidental sale(s) of sponsorship t-shirts, hats or similar items, and pre-packaged or homemade food and beverages, on a temporary basis in connection with an approved organized ball-field style use of the recreation fields and as permitted by the Parks & Recreation Department or the Selectboard.
 10. Trespassing on neighboring properties; and
 11. Public urination.
- b. Refuse, rubbish, garbage or other trash of any nature shall not be left in the Recreation Zone except in receptacles where provided.
- c. Animal waste must be picked up and properly disposed of in a trash container.

- d. Only public notice signs, directional signs, signs identifying event sponsors and/or announcing events, approved by the Parks and Recreation Department for temporary events and as allowed by the Mayo Farm Conservation Easement and the Stowe Zoning Regulations are permitted within the Recreation Zone. Signs may be no larger than 4' by 8' and banners no larger than 3' by 16'.
- e. No person shall disturb the peace, endanger the public safety.
- f. No person shall prevent the use of Mayo Farm Recreation Zone by others, except for temporary permitted ball-field style events.

Section IV. Permission System:

- g. Permission must be obtained to reserve Recreation Zone facilities for temporary, exclusive use.
- h. The Selectboard is responsible for issuing special events permits for any event involving over 300 people.
- i. Applications shall be made to Town Manager's Office for a special events permit.
- j. Applications to reserve facilities for smaller events shall be made to the Parks & Recreation Department.
- k. Applications shall specify the name, address, and phone number of the applicant, the name of the sponsoring organization, if any, the date and the type of proposed activity, the estimated attendance, and the hours during which the activity is to be conducted.
- l. The Selectboard or the Parks & Recreation Department for all formal organized uses shall enter into a contract or otherwise provide permission based on considerations of whether the applicant's activity:
 - 1. Will unreasonably infringe on the public health, safety or welfare;
 - 2. Will conflict with facilities reserved for other uses;
 - 3. Will interfere with traffic or burden police services;
 - 4. Is likely to cause personal or property injury, incite violence, crime, or disorderly conduct;
- m. The Parks & Recreation Department may impose reasonable conditions, including requiring applicants to present proof of adequate insurance.
- n. Reasonable fees may be charged in accordance with the rules and fee schedule established by the Selectboard.
- o. Denial of an application shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons for such denial. In addition to considerations outlined in subsection (f), above, the Selectboard or Parks & Recreation Director may deny permission to use the Recreation Zone for other lawful reasons, including but not limited to the following:
 - 5. Money is owed by the applicant to the Town from a previous use.
 - 6. There is a history by the applicant or proposed users of non-compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
 - 7. There is a history of the applicant or proposed users not leaving the fields or facilities in a satisfactory manner or condition.
- p. Any permission is revocable for violation of this ordinance or for breach of the conditions.

Section V. Hours of Operation:

- a. The Recreation Zone is closed for ball-field style or other organized recreational activities and parking of vehicles from dusk to 8:00 A.M., except that associated parking and set-up may begin at 7:00 A.M.

Section VI. Enforcement:

- a. A violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a civil offense, enforceable pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1974a and §1977 et seq.
- b. Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable as follows:
 - 1. The first violation shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The waiver penalty, for the purposes of the municipal complaint (civil ticket), for the first violation shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 - 2. The second violation within a six (6) month period after the first violation shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). The waiver penalty, for the purposes of the municipal complaint (civil ticket), for the second violation shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
 - 3. The third and subsequent violations within a six (6) month period after the first violation shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). The waiver penalty, for the purposes of the municipal complaint (civil ticket), for the third and subsequent violations shall be one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00).
 - 4. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.
- c. Depending on the severity of the violation or the number of incidents the individual has received, the Police may issue a notice of restriction or trespass as a municipal agent. The Police may rescind such notice on their own discretion or as directed by the Town Manager.
- d. All law enforcement officers are authorized to issue a municipal complaint for a violation of this ordinance.
- e. The Town Manager is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law.

Section VII. Severability:

- a. In the event any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- b. This Ordinance may be rescinded by a Town Meeting vote in accordance with the provisions of section 204 (d) of the Charter of the Town of Stowe.

Adopted and effective at Stowe, Vermont this 25th day of March 2013.

Stowe SELECTBOARD

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ADMIN
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Received and Recorded
this 10th day of April, 2013.

2:00 pm

Alison Kaiser Town Clerk