

6/17/24

TOWN OF CANTERBURY

RIVERLAND BEACH ACCESS REGULATIONS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, the Canterbury Board of Selectmen hereby ordains to adopt these regulations as the rules by which the Town Beach, also known as Riverland Beach being a Town Owned lot of some 68.734 acres located on the Merrimack River and having access from Oxbow Pond Road over a fifty (50) foot right-of-way extending from Oxbow Pond Road to the Town's property referenced at Tax Map 267 Lot 51, shall henceforth be governed.

1.1 AUTHORITY

These Regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town's Governing Body under RSA 41:11-a.

1.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of these regulations is to promote the safe and orderly use of the Town Beach for the benefit of the public.

1.3 REPEAL OF PREVIOUS REGULATIONS

These regulations shall supersede and replace all previous Town Beach Regulations governing access to Riverland Beach, including, but not limited to such admission policies and written rules which may heretofore have been adopted.

1.4 RULES

A. Access

Access to the beach shall be limited to the existing right-of-way by way of walking or driving to the parking lot, thence by foot to the beach.

B. Parking

May 15 – Oct 31: Parking is available, during normal operating hours, at the parking area at the end of Lois Lane. The parking lot is for the use of passenger cars, light trucks and two-wheeled motorized vehicles. Vehicles parked on Oxbow Pond Road and vehicles parked in the parking lot after said operating hours will be towed at the owner's expense, in addition to any other penalties that may be applicable as a violation of these Regulations.

Nov 1 – May 14: Parking is permitted on Oxbow Pond Road in the designated location across from the gate only Nov. 1 through May 15 when the parking lot is closed.

C. Hours of Operation

The Town Beach and parking area are open to the public between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm each day from May 15 through November 1. At all other times the parking lot will be closed. The Conservation area is open year-round for pedestrian use.

D. It shall be a violation of these Regulations to:

- (i) damage Beach property (including trees and vegetation), or
- (ii) dump, deposit, throw, leave or dispose, or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, throwing, leaving or disposing of any litter in other than receptacles that may be provided therefor
- (iii) engage in disorderly conduct as that term is defined in RSA 644:2.

E. General Safety

- 1. Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult in their party at all times.
- 2. There shall be no fires without first obtaining a permit from both the Canterbury Fire Department and the Canterbury Board of Selectmen. Any fires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
- 3. There shall be no motorized vehicles allowed on the beach.
- 4. There shall be no camping on the beach without prior written permission from the Canterbury Board of Selectmen.

1.5 VIOLATIONS

- A. Failure to comply with any of these Regulations shall be considered a violation subject to penalties set forth herein.
- B. Each continuation of a violation after notice and each rule infraction shall constitute a second offense.

1.6 ENFORCEMENT

A. Regulations shall be administered and enforced by the Canterbury Police Department. Town employees and Conservation Commission members may monitor this property and advise/consult with the Canterbury Police Department in the case of concerns or violations. Actions to administer and monitor shall consist of the following:

- a. Documenting and reporting violations to the Canterbury Police Department;
- b. Educating visitors about these Regulations;
- c. Seeking voluntary compliance and/or expulsion from the beach by a Law Enforcement Officer;
- d. Prohibiting entry to the beach area or use of the beach property in the event of non-compliance, with the assistance of a Law Enforcement Officer (to include for up to 30 days for repeated or severe violations, subject to a right of written appeal to the Board of Selectmen);

B. These Regulations shall be enforced by any duly certified Law Enforcement Officer. Enforcement shall consist of (1) an order to vacate the premises; (2) the issuance of a citation; (3) demand for restitution; (4) the issuance of a summons; (5) arrest; and/or (6) any combination of these actions at the discretion of the enforcement official based upon the severity and egregiousness of the violations(s).

1.7 FINES AND PENALTIES

A. Any person who has committed a violation of these Regulations shall be subject to a fine as follows:

- a. First Offense: The amount due shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100)
- b. Second Offense: The amount due shall be two-hundred-fifty dollars (\$250)
- c. Third (or more) Offense: The amount due shall be five-hundred dollars (\$500)

B. No person who has been issued a violation citation shall be allowed to enter the beach property until such time as the fine has been paid or they have been found not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction or unless ordered by the Board of Selectmen.

C. Failure to make payment of a fine as indicated on the citation within thirty (30) days of issuance shall result in prosecution in Concord District Court. Any person found guilty in a court of law for violating these Regulations shall thereafter not be eligible for access to the beach property for a period of one (1) year from the date of conviction.

1.8 SEVERENCE


In the event that any word, sentence or section of these Regulations is found to be invalid as a result of judicial or legislative action, the remainder of these Regulations shall remain in full force and effect.

1.9 EFFECTIVE DATE

These Regulations shall take effect 6/17/24

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Regulations are adopted and approved on the 6/17/24 by the Canterbury Board of Selectmen, upon recommendation of the Canterbury Conservation Commission and Police Department at a duly posted public meeting held on the .

ATTEST:



Chair



Selectmen
Town of Canterbury