REGULATIONS GOVERNING SMYK PARK

IN THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM

AUTHORITY:

Based on previous practices of the Town passing regulations related to public spaces, the Stratham Select Board has the authority to adopt these regulations and the requirements per New Hampshire State Law RSA 41:11-a.

PURPOSE:

Town of Stratham owns, maintains, and operates Smyk Park in a manner which allows for the free enjoyment of its natural beauty. The Town of Stratham has made significant improvements to the grounds and public areas of Smyk Park to enhance the enjoyment of its natural features.

The enhancements to Smyk Park represent a significant investment of financial resources by the Town of Stratham to which the Town wishes to continue to be able to maintain at the highest level of quality and safety.

Smyk Park is depicted as Map 13 Lot 090 is in need of regulation to ensure the continued peaceful and orderly use and enjoyment of Smyk Park.

REGULATIONS:

The use of the Park shall be limited to recreational and cultural purposes for the residents of the Town of Stratham.

Failure of any group or individual to follow and abide by the foregoing regulations may result being asked to leave the premises.

All parking shall be restricted to designated areas. Parking is for Park uses only.

There shall be no admittance to the Park after 9:00 pm without written permission from the Stratham Select Board.

Cooking is an allowed use by way of charcoal or gas grills.

Dogs are allowed in the Park provided the provisions of the Town of Stratham Code of Ordinances Regulation of Dogs Chapters 1-14 (attached for reference)

RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog to permit the dog to run at large without being controlled by a leash within Smyk Park. Dogs must be with their owner.

Any use of roadside signs, including but not limited to, banners and posters shall not be permitted.

No commercial activity permitted unless written permission is provided by the Parks and Recreation Director.

Chipping or driving of golf balls is not permitted.

Metal detectors are not permitted.

No devices such as, but not limited to, slingshots, air or gas driven pellet guns, paint ball guns, etc. shall be used in the Park. Nothing herein shall prohibit hunting in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

No disturbing any bird or animal or their nests or dens.

Rebound devices are NOT allowed (i.e. bounce houses, trampolines, etc.) Nothing shall be affixed to Town property that may in any way mar the facilities.

All users of Smyk Park will conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a public gathering. The actions of users of the Park will not be permitted to become a nuisance to other users or to abutting property owners.

The following regulations are pursuant to the provisions of the Town of Stratham Code of Ordinances Chapter 5-01—Care, Protection, Preservation & Use of Public Institutions are followed. (Attached for reference)

- No climbing of ornamental trees, stripping of bark or breaking of plant branches or flower stems
- Incidental trash associated with the use of the facility are to be placed in containers provided
- No unauthorized motorized off-road vehicles such as ATV's, snowmobiles, etc. shall be operated within the Park

The use of fireworks or firecrackers of any description must be in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Stratham Code of Ordinances Chapter 6-01—Sale and Use of Fireworks, and are otherwise prohibited. (Attached for reference)

If any part of these Regulations are declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in whole or in part and is for any reason rendered null and void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.