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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Plaistow as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 9.

ARTICLE I

Earl Smith Memorial Field [Adopted effective 6-25-1984 by the Board of Selectmen]

- § 130-1. Authority.

Pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(a), the Plaistow Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the following regulation regulating the public hours at the Earl Smith Memorial Field.

§ 130-2. Public hours.

The Earl Smith Memorial Field is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to dusk, from January 1 through December 31. Persons found in violation of these hours, without the permission of the Board of Selectmen, shall be fined a sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for each violation.

§ 130-3. Winter hours. [Added 12-14-1987]

Under the provisions of RSA 31:39, the Board of Selectmen sets the following open hours for the winter months at the Smith Memorial Field:

- A. Winter hours are in effect from December 1 until April 1 each year. Daily hours are:
 - (1) Monday through Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - (2) Friday through Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- B. Prohibited activities:
 - (1) Fires.
 - (2) Ice hockey on skating rink.
 - (3) Street hockey on tennis courts (tennis courts closed for winter).
- C. Violations of this regulation will be fined a sum not less than \$50 per occurrence nor more than \$100 per occurrence.

ARTICLE II**Town Gazebo**

[Adopted 7-26-1999 by the Board of Selectmen]

§ 130-4. Use by residents.

Upon application, the gazebo located on the Pollard Park area behind Town Hall may be used by residents at no rental charge to the town.

§ 130-5. Use by nonresidents.

Upon application, the use of the gazebo by nonresidents shall be subject to a charge of \$25. This fee will be refunded only in the event that the Town rejects the application for use, otherwise the fee is nonrefundable.

§ 130-6. Right to refuse application and prosecute violations.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to refuse any application for use of the Town gazebo for private functions and to prosecute any unauthorized uses of the gazebo or damage to it.

ARTICLE III

**Parking at Earl Smith Recreation Complex
[Adopted 1-21-2002 by the Board of Selectmen]****§ 130-7. Parking restricted; violations and penalties.**

Parking at the Earl Smith Recreation Complex is restricted to vehicles whose occupants are using the facilities during regular park hours, Recreation Department employees, and Town-owned vehicles. Overnight parking and parking which blocks the entrance to the Earl Smith Complex is prohibited without the written consent of the Recreation Department or Commission. All vehicles found in violation of this article will be towed at the owner's expense, and/or fined \$50 for each offense.

ARTICLE IV

**Use of Earl Smith Recreation Complex
for Private Functions
[Adopted 1-21-2002 by the Board of Selectmen]****§ 130-8. Completed forms required; exception; restrictions.**

Use of the Earl Smith Recreation Complex for private functions is prohibited without a signed "Use of Facilities Form" in hand. All of the conditions listed on the form must be met. The form requirement is waived for events sponsored by the Recreation Department. Private functions will be limited to invited guests only. Uninvited guests will be asked to leave.

ARTICLE V

**Pollard Park
[Adopted 5-20-2002 by the Board of Selectmen]****§ 130-9. Authority.**

Pursuant to RSA 31:39,I(a), the Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the following regulation for Pollard Park.

§ 130-10. Certain activities prohibited during scheduled events.

- A. There shall be no bikeriding, no skateboarding, and no rollerblading in Pollard Park during scheduled events like Old Home Day, Memorial Day, weddings, concerts, etc. However, this regulation does not prevent police bike patrols at any time. **[Amended 6-16-2003 by the Board of Selectmen]**
- B. There shall be no pets, (e.g., dogs, cats, ferrets, etc.) allowed on Pollard Park during Old Home Day. This does not include authorized animals like animals on display or part of the invited entertainment, service animals (Seeing Eye dogs, Hearing Assistive,) Police Dogs, etc.

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§ 130-11. Violations and penalties.

Violations of this regulation will be fined a sum not to exceed \$100 per occurrence.