

TOWN OF LYME
Lyme, New Hampshire

Town Ordinance	TITLE: Boat Launch Ordinance	
	NUMBER: 00-002	
	ISSUE DATE: 10-02-08	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10-02-08

Boat Launch Ordinance

Note: The Town of Lyme by order of the Board of Selectmen at their meeting of 06-16-04 adopted the following by-law/ordinance, as part of the management of the Town's recreation areas as authorized under RSA 31:39. These regulations were initially contained within the Recreation Areas Ordinance #00-001 and are hereby presented at a public hearing of 10-02-08 as a separate document.

Purpose and Authority: With respect to the Post Pond Boat Launch, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town to make ordinances as provided in RSA 41:11 and 47:17, VII, VIII, and XVIII, and by any other provisions of the laws upon the subject. (RSA 41:11 and 47:17-governing boards have powers to regulate the use of sidewalks, streets, and common areas, and making and ordering prudential affairs)

With respect to the Hewes Brook and Reservoir Pond launches, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town to make ordinance as provided in RSA 31:39.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect and preserve the boat launch areas for the use and benefit of all users.

Section 1.1: General Regulations: The following regulations apply to the boat launch facilities on Post Pond, Reservoir Pond, and Hewes Brook, and shall be observed at all times:

A. Hewes Brook:

- No trailers (this is a car-top boat launch facility);
- No parking or mooring at this site between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM;
- No camping or fires of any kind;
- All litter and trash must be carried away;
- No person shall consume alcoholic beverages or possess an open container of alcoholic beverage; and
- Facility may be closed to all activities by the Board of Selectmen

B. Reservoir Pond:

- Trailers and/or vehicles shall not block the boat launch and/or turn around;
- Boats, trailers and/or vehicles shall not be moored or left at the site or on the access road between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM;
- No camping or fires of any kind;
- All litter and trash must be carried away;
- No person shall consume alcoholic beverages or possess an open container of alcoholic beverage; and
- Facility may be closed to all activities by the Board of Selectmen

C. Post Pond: The Post Pond boat launch facility is a Class V road covered by RSA 231:6. This area is classified as a “highway to public waters”. The State of NH is the underlying owner of said property. The Town of Lyme has jurisdiction of setting rules and regulations for its governance. This is a public access point to Post Pond.

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Section 2.1: Enforcement, Violations, And Penalties: Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.00 for each offense. Registered owners of vehicles, trailers or watercraft in violation of any section shall be subject to penalties. Vehicles, boats or trailers parked/left on site contrary to these rules shall be towed at the owner’s expense.

Section 3.1: Severability: If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 4.1: Amendments: Further amendments to this ordinance may be made by the Board of Selectmen, after holding a public hearing, without a vote of the Town Meeting.