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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TOWN BEACH REGULATIONS FOR WINTER OPERATIONS

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
6:00pm
Gilford Town Hall – Conference Room A

The Gilford Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to solicit input on proposed regulations pertaining to winter operations at the Town Beach. The intent of these new rules is to allow for continued public access to the lake for winter recreation, but to prohibit parking of vehicles, trailers, bob houses, etc., on the beach. Parking will be made available in the existing parking lots on a first-come, first served basis. Additional rules have also been drafted to protect natural resources and regulate human behavior on the Town Beach property. A complete copy of the proposed rules is available at the Town's website www.gilfordnh.gov.

Any interested person may attend this public hearing and/or present testimony or make inquiries related thereto.



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GILFORD TOWN BEACH REGULATIONS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR WINTER OPERATIONS

During such time when ice is present on Lake Winnepesaukee, the Town may open the gate to the beach to allow public access to the lake for winter recreational activities, subject to the following conditions:

- A. There is no parking of any vehicles allowed on the beach at any time, including, but not limited to cars, trucks, planes, ATV's, snowmobiles, drones, etc. Parking is only allowed on the frozen lake or in the designated parking lots between December 1 and March 31, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- B. There is no storage of bob houses, campers, RV's or any other portable dwelling units allowed on the beach at any time. Storage is only allowed on the frozen lake or in the designated parking lots between December 1 and March 31, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- C. The Town Beach is a carry-in, carry-out facility during winter months. There is no disposal of trash, waste products or septic allowed anywhere on the Town Beach property.
- D. The use of trees, picnic tables, buildings, utility poles or any other vegetation for chains, locks, fasteners, tie downs, etc. is prohibited throughout the Town Beach property. No person shall remove, destroy, or damage any tree, shrub, vine, root, or terrestrial plant, or any part thereof, at the Town Beach property.
- E. Camping is not permitted at the Town Beach property (including the parking lots) at any time. No person shall sleep overnight, whether in a vehicle, on the ground, in a bob house, tent, RV, or within any other camping device.
- F. No person shall consume or possess any open container of liquor or alcoholic beverage as defined by RSA 175:1 while on the Town Beach property, including the parking lots.
- G. No fires or cooking or open flames are permitted on the Town Beach property, including the parking lots, from December 1 through March 31.

- H. The Town will provide designated passage areas for travel by vehicles over the beach for access to the lake and passage by snowmobiles. No parking or stoppages will be allowed except for emergency breakdowns, in which case the vehicle must be removed as soon as possible.
- I. The Town makes no representation whatsoever regarding the safety of the lake or thickness of the ice for any purpose. All persons using the Town Beach and the lake do so at their own risk and liability. (See also RSA 212:34.)
- J. No portion of the Town Beach property shall be used for the extraction of any vehicles that become submerged in the lake without specific authorization from the Board of Selectmen.
- K. All persons using the Town Beach and/or Lake Winnepesaukee for winter recreational purposes shall comply at all times with any applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. This is especially true with regards to fishing, the use of bob houses, the removal of bob houses, ATV's and snowmobiles.
- L. The Gilford Board of Selectmen reserves the right to determine when and if the beach gate will be open along with the right to revoke public access to the Town Beach property for winter usage at any time for widespread misuse or any other extenuating circumstances.
- M. In addition to the fines and penalties set forth in the Town Beach Regulations, the Town reserves the right to have any vehicle or portable dwelling unit removed from the Town Beach property at the owner's expense for any violation of these winter regulations.