

# RESOLUTION

## STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL

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Submitted by: Olson

### TITLE: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDISH PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS TOBACCO-FREE ZONES

Whereas the town of Standish, Maine has set a goal that Standish be a safe and healthy place to live, work and play; and

Whereas tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, as well as in the State of Maine; and

Whereas secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children, and pregnant women; and increases a nonsmoker's risk of asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer; and

Whereas chewing tobacco contains many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents, and its use is associated with cancers of the mouth, gums, tongue, and throat; and

Whereas tobacco use in and around the Standish Parks & Recreation Property sends contradictory messages to young people who are participating in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same time exposed to the use of tobacco products; and

Whereas the purpose of the Standish Parks & Recreation Department is to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and

Whereas tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments; and

Whereas staff, coaches, and volunteers are important role models for the youth that participate in community recreation activities, and whereas what coaches promote is respected and imitated by youth; and

Whereas treatment and/or medication significantly increases a person's success in quitting; and

Whereas good communication informs the public and aids compliance with policies; and

Whereas a policy needs to have procedures to follow when a violation of the policy occurs; and

Whereas the intent of this policy is to create a tobacco-free environment for youth and not alienate adults who use tobacco products;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the town of Standish does hereby declare that its Parks & Recreation facilities are tobacco-free 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and restricts the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and electronic cigarettes and other nicotine delivery systems such as personal vaping units on, in, or at all public parks operated by this department. This includes, but is not limited to:

Johnson Field, Standish Memorial Park, Mill Street Park, Steep Falls Ballfield, Mr. & Mrs. John Rich Jr. Memorial Beach and any public parks acquired by the Town of Standish in the future.

Be it further resolved that:

- Information about local and State resources to help people to quit using tobacco products will be made available,
- Tobacco-free signage will be posted in appropriate areas, and notices will be published in local newspapers to inform the public of this tobacco-free policy.

APPROVED 2/9/16 DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
ROLL CALL \_\_\_\_\_ YEA \_\_\_\_\_ NAY \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

BLANCK	✓	_____
HIGGINS	✓	_____
NESBITT	✓	_____
OLSON	✓	_____
ORDWAY	✓	_____
POMERLEAU	<u>Excused</u>	_____
SARGENT		_____

COUNCIL CHAIR	<u>Don Olson</u>	_____
CLERK/SECRETARY	<u>Mary Chapin</u>	_____