

A
RESOLUTION
of the
TOWN COUNCIL
&
Town of Windham, Maine

WHEREAS the town of Town of Windham, Maine, has set a goal to be a safe and healthy place to live and work; 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 thousands of harmful chemicals and many 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 Town of Windham recreational area properties 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 Town of Windham recreational area properties is to provide opportunities for quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for citizens of Town of Windham, 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 and coaches 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 a policy needs to have procedures to follow when a violation of the policy occurs; and

WHEREAS the intent of this resolution 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 Town of Windham does hereby declare that its recreational area properties as 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, electronic smoking devices, and chewing tobacco, on, in, or at any athletic facility, playground, or assembly area operated by Town of Windham.

Be it further resolved that:

- 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 resolution,
- Procedures that reinforce the norm that this property is a tobacco-free facility will be developed, and violations will be addressed in a positive manner

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Windham, Maine to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2018.

Town Council of the Town of Windham, Maine:

Donna Chapman, Chairwoman

Robert Muir, Vice Chairman

Dennis Welch, Parliamentarian

Timothy Nangle

Jarrod Maxfield

Rebecca Cummings

Clayton Haskell

SEAL

Attest: Linda Morrell, CMC
Town Clerk