

The following ordinances were adopted by the voters of the Town of Preston at a Special Town Meeting in the Preston Town Hall, 28 February 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FOR THE TOWN OF PRESTON**

BE IT ORDAINED by the people of the Town of Preston at a duly warned Town meeting:

SECTION 1: There is hereby created a Parks and Recreation Commission for the Town of Preston, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 7-148, General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

SECTION 2: The Commission shall have under its jurisdiction all properties of the Town of Preston reserved for parks, playgrounds, and recreation facilities as shall be designated by resolution of the legislative body of the Town.

SECTION 3: Said Commission shall have the following powers and purposes:

- To plan, establish, maintain and conduct parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, gymnasiums, recreation places and public gardens in the Town of Preston on property of the Town under its jurisdiction.
- To develop, improve, maintain and expand parks and recreation lands of the Town.
- To acquire, erect, install, maintain, improve, repair and replace, park and recreation facilities and equipment.
- To develop, establish, improve and coordinate park and recreation programs.
- To engage such employees as shall be necessary to carry out said purposes within the budgetary limits of said Commission.

SECTION 4: The Parks and Recreation Commission shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be electors of the Town of Preston and who shall hold no salaried municipal office. Membership on any other Board, Commission or Committee of the Town of Preston shall not preclude membership on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

SECTION 5: (a) The members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days after adoption of this Ordinance, as follows: Three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years; three (3) members for a term of four (4) years; one (1) member for a term of three (3) years; one (1) member for a term of two (2) years; and one (1) member for a term of one (1) year.

(b) As each of the terms of the members shall expire, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a successor for a term of five (5) years to fill each vacant position.

(c) The members shall commence to serve their respective terms immediately upon

appointment and shall serve until their successors have qualified.

(d) Any vacancy in the Commission other than by expiration of term may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Board of Selectmen.

(e) The Commission shall annually elect a chairman and secretary from its number. Regular meetings shall be held monthly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or upon the written request to the Chairman by majority of the members of said Commission.

SECTION 6: Any member of the Commission who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings and any intervening duly called special meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission and the vacancy shall be filled as hereinbefore provided, except that the Commission may vote to waive the requirements of this section in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements of this action.

SECTION 7: The Commission shall annually prepare a budget containing its estimates of expenses to carry out its program and the purpose of this Ordinance, and submit the same to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion in the annual budget of the Town of Preston.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the General Statutes.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PRESTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 28th, 1977

BE IT ORDAINED by the voters of the Town of Preston at a duly warned meeting.

SECTION 1: An Ordinance creating a Parks and Recreation Commission for the Town of Preston is amended:

1. By adding at the end of SECTION 3 (a) the words “Including the power to make and amend regulations adopted after 15 days public notice, to carry our said purposes”, and,
2. By adding SECTION 3A – Anyone who violates any regulation adopted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be fined not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

The above ordinance was published in the Norwich Bulletin 21 April 1977 and so voted at the Special Town Meeting on April 28th, 1977.