



Town of Rockport Kayak Policy



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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Kayak Policy is to guide the Harbor Master in the regulation of kayak storage rental within Harbor Park. The Policy was developed by the Parks and Beautification Committee with input from the Harbor Master. A meeting with the Harbor Committee established that the Parks and Beautification Committee would have the authority to create policy recommendations around issues occurring on terra firma within Rockport's parks.

AUTHORITY:

The Town Manager shall oversee the implementation of the Kayak Policy. The Harbor Master will be authorized to follow the guidelines for rental and removal, when necessary, of the criteria set forth in the Policy.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

TIMING RENTAL PERIOD

- Kayak rental space will be available between May 1 and November 15.
- Harbormaster is authorized to remove any kayak deemed abandoned or any kayak left on the rack after November 15.
- Renters must remove their kayaks by November 15. Abandoned kayaks and any craft left in the racks will be removed by the harbor master and taken to the Public Works facility. Removal fee will be a minimum of \$100.

PARK RACK LIMITS AND PLACEMENTS

- Slot allocation will continue to be first come, first serve with tenure. As slots are limited, preference will be given to Rockport residents annually for new, open slots.
- It should be the responsibility of the renter to secure their kayaks. Stolen kayaks are not the responsibility of the town.

SEVERABILITY:

If any section, sentence, or clause of this policy is held invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the policy.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This policy shall be in force from and after its approval by the Rockport Board of Selectmen and recorded according to law.

ADOPTION AND SIGNATURES:

The Rockport Select Board approved the Kayak Policy on


Denise Kennedy Munge, Chair

Eric Boucher, Vice Chair


Jim Annis, Select Board Member


Kim Graffam, Select Board Member


Michael Thompson, Select Board Member

