

Chapter 13

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 13-1. Town property enumerated.

For the purpose of this article, town property shall include all town ways, public sidewalks, and municipal parking areas as well as the following land and buildings:

- Morrison Memorial Building.
 - Dexter Municipal Fire Station.
 - Public works garage.
 - Abbott Memorial Library.
 - Town Hall.
 - Dexter Ambulance Building.
 - Dexter Police Department.
 - Dexter Regional Airport.
 - Crosby Park.
 - Public beach and Wassookeag Recreation Area.
 - Eleanor Marsh Smith Ronco Park.
 - Wayside Park.
 - Veteran’s Memorial Park.
 - Dexter Municipal Golf Course and Club House.
 - Bud Ellms Sports and Recreation Area.
 - Dexter cemeteries.
 - Municipal ice skating rink.
 - Grist Mill Museum, Carr School and Miller’s House and Covered Bridge.
 - Tax acquired properties.
 - North Dexter lots on Main Stream.
 - Town gravel pit.
- (Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

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Sec. 13-2. Use of alcohol on town property.

The sale or consumption of alcohol on town property is prohibited unless approved by the town council and/or specifically addressed as part of a lease arrangement between the town and a lessee. Any lease agreement which permits alcohol to be served must clearly name the Town of Dexter as an additional insured landlord. This policy applies to all municipal buildings and grounds with the exception of the Dexter Municipal Golf Course Club House.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-3. Lease of town property.

Any lease of town property must be approved by the town council in accordance with procedures set forth in the Town of Dexter Charter.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Secs. 13-4—13-14. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. ACCESS TO TOWN PROPERTY****Sec. 13-15. Areas closed to the general public.**

The following areas shall be closed to the public: Morrison Building basement, Town Hall basement, Town Hall equipment

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storage area and auditorium, leased and rented areas, runways and taxiways at the Dexter Regional Airport, Dexter Ambulance Building, portions of the Public Works Garage and grounds (see section 13-77), Golf Course Maintenance Garage, Fire Station engine bays, Communications Transmission building and tower, Wassookeag Recreation Area maintenance building, Crosby Park Grandstand storage area.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-16. Areas open to the public.

All areas except those identified as closed to the public shall be open to the public during normal business hours.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-17. Business hours.

Business hours shall be those hours during which town property and facilities are open for business as established from time to time by the town council.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-18. Exceptions to article provisions.

This article shall not apply to any officer, employee, or elected official of the town who enters town property when engaged in the performance of official duties, to any person who enters town property at the invitation of any officer, employee or elected official of the town in connection with town business and to any person who uses the sidewalks across from the Abbott Memorial Library property for the purpose of crossing that property or for the purpose of going to and from the book depository on the porch of the Abbott Memorial Library building for the purpose of depositing books in such depository.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-19. Signs.

The town manager, or his/her representative, shall have the authority to place signs on public property giving the business hours of the town, the area of town property closed and open to the public, reference to this article, or such other information as

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he/she deems necessary or desirable. No commercial signs will be authorized on town property unless associated with a lease agreement or expressly approved by the town manager or town council. The town manager shall have the authority to direct the removal of all unauthorized signs.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-20. Hunting and discharge of firearms on town property.

Hunting on town property is prohibited, as is the discharge of firearms. Violation of this section may result in prosecution and fines.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-21. Penalty.

The penalty for violation of this article shall be a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Secs. 13-22-13-24. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. TOWN BUILDINGS

Sec. 13-25. Use of town buildings.

(a) *Morrison Memorial Building.* The town council chambers and town office meeting room are available for use by the general public, political parties, and service organizations on a case-by-case basis. These facilities are not intended to be used for commercial purposes, except for town sponsored programs that support local or regional economic development. Use of the public areas in the Morrison Memorial Building must be scheduled through the town clerk. Access to areas of the building that are leased to other organizations may be restricted.

(b) *Town Hall.* The auditorium area of the Town Hall is available for use by local groups and organizations. The building will not be used for commercial purposes, unless approved by the

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town manager. Service organizations are not charged a rental fee for use of the facility; however, a nominal fee may be charged to individuals seeking to hold activities and events that are not open to the general public. The scheduling of municipal programs takes precedence over other activities. The town clerk and/or recreation director are points of contact for scheduling and collection of fees. Skateboarding on the handicapped access to the town hall is prohibited.

(c) *Municipal fire station.* The meeting room of the municipal fire station is available for use by the general public on a limited basis. The building will not be used for commercial purposes unless approved by the town manager. Any revenues derived from rental of the fire station meeting [room] shall be retained by the town. Scheduling of municipal and fire department programs takes precedence over other activities. The municipal fire chief is the point of contact for scheduling of the meeting room and collection of fees.

(d) *Abbott Memorial Library.* The Abbott Memorial Library is open to the general public during the normal operating hours as determined by the board of trustees. Meeting areas within the library may be used by non-commercial groups or organizations with the approval of the librarian.

(e) *Grist Mill Museum.* The Grist Mill Museum is open to the general public on a seasonal basis. The museum curator and Dexter Historical Society provide oversight for operation of the facility. (Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03; Ord. No. C2004-11, 5-13-04)

Sec. 13-26. No smoking policy.

Smoking is prohibited in all municipal buildings.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Secs. 13-27-13-39. Reserved.

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**ARTICLE IV. PARKS, RECREATION AREAS AND
CEMETERIES*****Sec. 13-40. Use of parks and recreation areas.**

The parks and recreation areas operated by the Town of Dexter are intended for use by the general public. In some special cases the exclusive temporary use of all or a specific portion of an area may be permitted if approved by the recreation director, facilities manager, or town manager. A nominal fee may be charged for the exclusive use of all or part of a facility.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-41. Crosby Park.

Crosby Park shall be closed at sunset every night except when special events are held which will be under the supervision of the Dexter Recreation Department. The recreation director and/or facilities manager shall have authority for scheduling the special use of all or part of the park, i.e. ballfield, grandstand, tennis courts, or pavilion. Skateboarding inside the park pavilion is prohibited. No overnight parking is permitted.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03; Ord. No. C2004-11, 5-13-04)

Sec. 13-42. Public beach area.

The public beach is open seasonally beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. During that period the beach is open daily from sunrise until 9:00 p.m. The beach area is unattended by lifeguards and safety is the responsibility of the individual swimmer. No overnight parking is permitted in the beach parking area.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

**Sec. 13-43. Wassookeag Recreation Area, campgrounds and
boat launch.**

The Wassookeag Recreation Area is open to the general public, and includes picnic areas, a playground, camping area and public boat launch. Camping areas are available on a "first-come first-

*Cross reference-Cemeteries, Ch. 3.6.

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served basis and a daily fee is charged for overnight camping. Fees for camping will be collected by the facilities manager or an individual designated by the town manager. No swimming is allowed in the vicinity of the boat launch.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-43.A. The Harold J. Keyte Memorial Picnic Area.

The Harold J. Keyte Memorial Picnic Area is open to the general public on a year-round basis. No overnight parking is allowed. The gated ramp will have a self-closing, unlocked gate to allow access at all times. No power launching of boats will be allowed.
(Ord. No. C2010-4, 3-11-10; Ord. No. C2014-14, 9-11-14)

Sec. 13-44. Bud Ellms Sports and Recreation Area.

The Bud Ellms Complex is used on a seasonal basis to support town-sponsored programs; however, tennis courts are generally available to the public. The recreation director and/or facilities manager may approve special use of ball fields and grounds on a case-by-case basis; however, town-sponsored programs take precedence over other activities. The area is open seasonally from sunrise to 9:00 p.m. Use of skateboards on the tennis courts is prohibited. No overnight parking is allowed.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03; Ord. No. C2004-11, 5-13-04)

Sec. 13-45. Eleanor Marsh Smith Ronco Park.

The park is open to the general public and can be scheduled for special events through the town clerk. The park is open seasonally from sunrise until 9:00 p.m. Use of ATVs in the park area is prohibited. Snowmobiles may operate only on marked trails. No overnight camping or parking is allowed.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03; Ord. No. C2004-1, 1-8-04)

Sec. 13-46. Wayside Park.

The park is open to the general public and can be scheduled for special events through the town clerk. Use of ATVs or

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snowmobiles in the park area is prohibited and no skateboarding is permitted on the covered bridge or in the gazebo. No overnight camping is allowed.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03; Ord. No. C2004-11, 5-13-04)

Sec. 13-47. Veteran's Memorial Park.

The park is open to the general public and can be scheduled for special events through the town clerk. Use of ATVs or snowmobiles in the park area is prohibited. No overnight camping is allowed.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-48. Municipal skating rink.

The municipal skating rink is open to the general public on a seasonal basis. Special events can be scheduled through the facilities manager. Use of ATVs or snowmobiles on the rink or immediate vicinity is prohibited.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-49. Municipal golf course.

The Dexter Municipal Golf Course is open to the general public on a seasonal basis. The course is owned and operated by the Town of Dexter. General memberships are available or green fees will be charged to users of the facility. The use of ATVs or snowmobiles on the course is prohibited.

Sec. 13-50. Municipal cemeteries.

(a) Dexter's municipal cemeteries are open seasonally to the general public.

(b) Specific rules regarding cemetery operations are provided in chapter 3.6 of this Code. The use of ATVs or snowmobiles on cemetery property is prohibited. Operational oversight for all municipal cemeteries is provided by the sexton.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-51. Diving and swimming prohibited at certain locations.

(a) The town hereby prohibits diving or swimming from the following locations:

- (1) Guy B. Hall Bridge.
- (2) Public boat landing on Little Wassookeag Lake.
- (3) Shoreline of Little Wassookeag adjacent to Ronco Park.
- (4) Harold J. Keyte Memorial Picnic Area on Route 23 North.
- (5) The area designated by the Dexter Utility District near the intake no-wake zone.
- (6) Around or near the town-owned Wassookeag Dam.

(b) This action is being taken as a preventive measure to help reduce the possibility of personal injury and provide authority for enforcement. Violation of this section is subject to a fine of at least one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per occurrence.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03; Ord. No. C2010-3, 2-11-10; Ord. No. C2013-7, 8-8-13)

Secs. 13-52—13-59. Reserved.

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ARTICLE V. SIDEWALKS**Sec. 13-60. Definition.**

As used in this article, the term "commercial district" includes the sidewalks adjacent to Main Street from its intersection with Spring Street, to its intersection with the Zion's Hill Road, and those sidewalks adjacent to Grove Street from its intersection with Main Street. It also includes sidewalks adjacent to Spring Street and Church Street.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-61. Exhibits, displays, etc., prohibited; exceptions.

No person shall place or cause to be placed upon the public sidewalks of the commercial district of the town any item offered for sale or amusement, any commercial exhibit or display or any combination thereof; provided, however, that:

- (1) Such items, displays or exhibits may be placed on the sidewalks when an establishment opens for business and must be removed or taken inside the establishment prior to closing for the business day;
- (2) Such permitted items, exhibits, and displays when placed upon the sidewalk do not block, restrict, or extend into an area greater than one-third of the width of the sidewalk where placed;
- (3) Such permitted items, exhibits, and displays do not constitute video games, pinball machines or any electronic and/or coin-operated amusement device or vending machine.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-62. Penalty.

Each day in which an offense under this article occurs or continues shall be deemed to be a separate violation. A violation of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), nor less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.

(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Secs. 13-63—13-74. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

Sec. 13-75. Municipal parking areas.

(a) Use of municipal parking areas for special events must be coordinated with the town manager and approved by the town council.

(b) Overnight parking in municipal parking areas is prohibited without a permit issued by the Dexter Police Department. Vehicles violating will be removed at owner's expense.

(c) Vehicles authorized to park overnight must be promptly removed after snowstorms to allow for snow removal.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-76. Dexter Regional Airport.

Oversight for operation of the Dexter Regional Airport is provided by the airport manager and airport advisory committee. Access to the airport is limited to aircraft operators and individuals associated with the operation of the facility. The use of ATVs and snowmobiles on airport property is prohibited.

Hunting and/or the discharge of firearms at the airport is prohibited.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Sec. 13-77. Public works garage and grounds.

The public shall have limited access to the public works highway garage and grounds. At all times they must be in the company of a town employee and with the understanding that certain areas are off limits. Areas designated "Off Limits" for safety reasons are the winter sand and salt pile and the salt shed.
(Ord. No. C2003-13, 4-10-03)

Secs. 13-78—13-89. Reserved.

