

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Town of Columbia hereby establishes a Recreation Commission in accordance with Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 1.3 of the Town Charter.

The Recreation Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Town Charter. Upon adoption of this ordinance, four (4) members shall be appointed for four (4) year terms with the initial term ending November 22, 2009 and three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms with the initial term ending November 25, 2007. After the initial three (3) two (2) year terms end, such positions shall become four (4) year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term. The Commission shall meet monthly. The organization of the Commission including the election of officers and scheduling of meetings shall be pursuant to Article 8 of the Town Charter.

The Recreation Commission shall be an advisory commission to the Board of Selectmen. The Recreation Commission shall be charged with the development, operation and oversight of the recreational activities within the Town of Columbia. The Recreation Commission shall also be responsible for the planning of recreational facilities, including but not limited to parks, ball fields, playgrounds, beaches and facilities and equipment associated therewith. The Recreation Commission shall have the authority to conduct recreational activities on the grounds and in the buildings overseen by the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen, subject to the overseeing Board's prior consent.

The Recreation Commission shall at least annually, submit a report to the Board of Selectmen which shall include a long range plan for recreation facilities and an accounting of recreational activities including the costs and fees charged for each activity.

The responsibilities of the Recreation Study and Development Commission and the Beach Commission shall be incorporated into the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Study and Development Commission and the Beach Commission may continue to meet up to six months from the adoption of this ordinance in order to properly transition responsibilities to the Recreation Commission.

This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

Special Town Meeting:	May 23, 2006
Adopted:	May 23, 2006
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