

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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ARTICLE I. RECREATION COMMISSION

SECTION 15.101. MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENT; TERMS. The Recreation Commission shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the City Manager. In the month of January, he shall appoint Commissioners to succeed those whose terms shall expire on the following February 1, and who shall hold office for terms of three years from February 1 in the year in which they are appointed; each Commissioner shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the Commission shall be filled for the balance of the term of the Commissioner whose place is to be filled in the same manner in which such Commissioner was originally appointed. In making appointments to the Commission, the Manager shall make every effort to appoint persons whose interests are closely allied to public schools, public playgrounds and public recreation, and the Commission shall always contain both men and women. Members of the Commission shall be removable under the provisions of the Charter. (Ord. No. 178, July 15, 1948)

SECTION 15.102. CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION. The Commission shall annually elect a Chairman who shall preside at its meetings. (Ord. No. 90, sec. 4, November 18, 1946)

SECTION 15.103. JURISDICTION AND POWERS OF COMMISSION. (a) The Commission shall have the powers and perform the duties with respect to playgrounds and other recreational areas as are prescribed by the General Laws or by any General Ordinance relating to said playgrounds and recreational areas.

*refer to ch. G.L. c. 45
re: to overlapping of duties*

*include power to convene neighborhood meetings,
clear up issue of administration of policy.*

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(b) The Commission shall, ^{is this legal?} ^{check with} ^{Rec. Commission} subject to approval by the City Manager, have control and supervision over the activities and equipment in the following areas in the City, which areas are hereby declared to be devoted to use as Playgrounds:

add buildings
put in separate section

Comeau Field
Donnelly Field
Fresh Pond Golf Course
Glacken Field
Gore St.
J.J. Ahern Field
O'Callaghan Field
Rev. P.T. Callahan Playground
Rindge Field
Russell Field
St. Peters Field
T.F. Corcoran Playground
Corporal Burns
Lindstrom Field
Sennott Park
Southwesterly portion of Cambridge Common
(situated on Garden and Waterhouse Sts.)
Russell E. Hoyte
Anthony Costa
Charles Fulmore
Cogswell
Dana Square
Edward Alden
Fletcher School
Gannett
Haggerty
Old Morse School
Reginald Wilder
Robert I. Paine
Russell School
Peabody
Hurley
Joseph M. Alberico
Library *tot lot*
Maple Ave.
Parkway
Silva
Sleeper School
William F. Cooper

In addition to the above areas, which are hereby permanently devoted to use as playgrounds, the Recreation Commission may, with the approval of the City Manager, exercise temporary or seasonal control and supervision over the activities and equipment in other areas in the parks or commons for the purpose of use, temporary or seasonal, as playgrounds or recreation areas.

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(c) The Recreation Commission is further empowered, with the approval of the City Manager and in accordance with any provisions of law or ordinance applicable thereto, to rent, or to acquire the use of without charge, other areas for playground or recreational purposes.

SECTION 15.104. SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION; DUTIES. (a) There shall be a Superintendent of Recreation whose duty shall be, under the general supervision of the Commission, to take charge of all activities of recreational nature directed by or controlled by or carried on with the authority of the City, and to perform any other duties which may now or hereafter be imposed upon him by operation of law, ordinance, or by the direction and authorization of the Commission.

(b) The Superintendent shall inform the Commissioner of Public Works regarding the maintenance needs of all recreational facilities.

*transfer to public works
responsibility on
com. P.W. to
maintain*

SECTION 15.105. PERMITS FOR USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. (a) The Superintendent shall, when he deems necessary, and subject to approval by the Recreation Commission, demand that a permit be obtained for the use of any such recreational facility, and may additionally demand a bond or other sufficient sureties to indemnify and save harmless the City from all liability that might arise out of the issuance of such permit.

(b) The Commission, by and with the approval of the City Manager, shall issue rules and regulations for the use of such facilities by the holders of permits thereof, and said rules and regulations shall be set forth in the permit.

*may
I police enforcement*

(c) Violation of any such rule or regulation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, and suspension of the permit.

SECTION 15.106. MAINTENANCE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. (a) The Commissioner of Public Works shall have full responsibility for major repairs, reconstruction or alteration to any buildings used by the Commission for any of its activities; Ordinary maintenance shall be the responsibility of the Commission.

@ present there is no way for this proposal

(b) The Commissioner of Public Works shall have general charge of the parks and shall be responsible for the care, cleaning and maintenance of all playgrounds and other recreational areas in the City and shall annually submit his recommendations to the City Manager relative to the care of these areas.

SECTION 15.107. SERVICES OF CITY ENGINEER. The Recreation Commission may require the City Engineer, by himself or his assistants, to perform such work as shall properly come within the province of the City

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Engineer, including the making and examination of surveys, the preparation of statements, plans, profiles, estimates, descriptions, specifications and contracts, and the measuring of the work done by contract and the certifying to the results of such measurements. (Ord. No. 90, sec. 11, November 18, 1946)

ARTICLE II. COMMONS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS¹

SECTION 15.201. DEFACING TREES. No person shall tie an animal to, nor post a bill or sign upon any tree on any common or other public ground of the City. (G.O. 1943, Art. II, sec. 15)

SECTION 15.202. TREES AND BUSHES; REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT. Park and recreational land belonging to the City cannot be cemented over or built upon, nor can trees in such areas be cut down or bushes removed without similar replacements being made by the City within one quarter (¼) of a mile of such cementing, building, cutting down or removal. (Ord. No. 740, May 24, 1965)

SECTION 15.203. PERMITS FOR ATHLETIC SPORTS. No person, except by permission of the Recreation Commission, shall engage in any athletic sports upon any common or other public grounds, except upon such portions thereof as may be set apart for such purposes. (G.O. 1943, c. 20, Art. II, sec. 21)

SECTION 15.204. SALE OF GOODS, ETC. PROHIBITED. No person shall expose for sale, or sell any goods, wares, or merchandise or erect or maintain a booth, stand, tent or apparatus of any kind for purposes of amusement or show, on any grounds under the care and maintenance of Commissioner of Public Works except by permission of said Commissioner. (G.O. 1943, c. 20, Art. II, sec. 23)

¹For other offenses relating to public grounds see "OFFENSES", c. 14, secs. 14.101-14.104.

