

## **POLICY FOR PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT USES OF THE HAVERHILL-BATH COVERED BRIDGE**

The Towns of Haverhill and Bath, as co-owners of the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge, through their Boards of Selectmen, hereby adopt this policy governing the uses of the Bridge. The Towns reserve the right to use the Bridge for any Town sponsored activity. Such activity will have preference over other approved uses or general public use. By mutual consent of both boards the Haverhill Selectboard is hereby designated to be the implementing and approving authority for this policy.

The Bridge was renovated in 2008 at a cost of \$1.5 million and the Towns want to encourage its use by the community while preserving it from damage or misuse. The Bridge is generally open to the public at all times other than for pre-approved private/non-profit uses such as:

1. Weddings
2. Social events
3. Cultural and historical exhibits, lectures, or presentations
4. Certain fund raising events for non-profit or public agencies
5. Religious, military or Social Club services
6. Special meetings of non-profit or public agencies.

A fee may be charged for the use of the Bridge, at the discretion of the Haverhill Selectboard.

Prohibited on the Bridge and approaches at all times:

1. Alcoholic beverages; also a drug-free zone.
2. Food or other drink (without special permission).
3. Dancing (without special permission).
4. Powered vehicles of any kind. (No wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles or skateboards are permitted on the sidewalk, bicycles may use the former roadway area of Bridge) Skateboards are prohibited on the Bridge and adjacent approaches and sidewalks.
5. Any gathering of individuals on the Bridge exceeding the posted weight limit.
6. Parties, yard sales, gambling of any kind, candles, torches or any other kind of flame.
7. Any electrical device (without special permission).
8. Horseplay or athletic activities.
9. Access to the river for swimming or diving.
10. Horses

Any organization or person wishing to use the Bridge shall be responsible for assuring that prohibited activities do not occur during their use of the Bridge. The Selectboard reserves the right to require proof of insurance and certificates for any private and/or non-profit organization's use of the Bridge.

Any organization or person using the Bridge shall be required to leave the Bridge as they found it. Remove all trash and debris, sweep clean where necessary and report any damage either found or caused within 24 hours. No toilet facilities will be provided nor are they allowed, except by special permission. A security deposit of up to \$300 may be required for certain uses of the Bridge.

Hours of special use shall be limited between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.

No loud music, other excessive noise or other activities shall be permitted which would disturb the surrounding properties.

No loitering is permitted on the bridge after midnight or before 6:00 am.

The attached form is to be used for all special use requests.

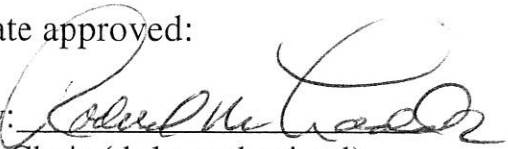
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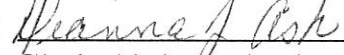
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