

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the people of Manchester voted to remove the Advisory Recreation and Park Commission from the Charter, allowing the Board of Directors greater flexibility in its administration; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose and duties of the Advisory Recreation and Park Commission are necessary and beneficial to the Town, providing public input into the administration of some of Manchester's most prized lands and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to continue the operation of the Advisory Recreation and Park Commission, previously under the purview of the Town Charter, by establishing an ordinance which provides for a revised name, The Advisory Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Commission; and

Now, therefore, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester that the Town of Manchester Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following article to Chapter 28:

ARTICLE XVI

Advisory Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Commission

§28-90. Purpose. The Advisory Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Commission is intended to provide public input to the Town Manager and municipal staff concerning programming and regulations that reflect the interests and desires of the population.

§28-91. Membership; terms. The Advisory Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, appointed by the Board of Directors, all of whom shall be residents and electors of the Town of Manchester, and one (1) of the nine (9) members shall be an enrolled high school student from a school within the town limits regardless of their status as an elector. The terms of the members commencing with their initial appointments by the Board of Directors shall be as follows: three (3) members, including the enrolled high school student, shall have a term ending November, 2025; three (3) members shall have a term ending November, 2026; and three (3) members shall have a term ending November, 2027. Thereafter, all subsequent appointees shall have three (3) year terms, with the exception that the enrolled high school student shall always have a term of one (1) year.

§28-92. Organization and duties. The Advisory Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Commission shall elect from its membership a Chairperson and such other officers as it shall deem necessary. It shall conduct its meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules and /or bylaws that it may adopt. The Commission shall advise the Town Manager on the acquisition, use, and recommended improvements to the parks, recreation and leisure services facilities and programs of the Town and shall, from time to time confer with the Town Manager and advise the Town Manager with respect to development, use and maintenance of the Town's trails and greenways.