

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION – HIDDEN POND AREA USAGE POLICY

PURPOSE:

This policy was developed to ensure and protect the health and safety of all HLA members and visitors on HLA land and ensure proper and appropriate usage of the water and land in and around Hidden Pond. Enforcement of this policy may include fines, daily civil penalties allowed by law, injunctive relief, or any other enforcement action allowed by law.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. **Motorized Vehicles** are any vehicles (on land or water including but not limited to motorboats, jet skis, ATVs, dirt bikes, and snow mobiles) that operate with any kind of gasoline or battery powered motor.
2. **Hidden Pond** is the body of water at the northwestern end of Beaver Brook Drive in Stoddard, NH. It is sometimes referred to as Hidden Lake or Rice Brook Pond as well.

POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. No person shall use or operate any **motorized vehicle** on/in the waters of Hidden Pond in Stoddard, NH. Only human powered boats (including but not limited to canoes, kayaks, and row boats) are permitted on Hidden Pond.
2. No person shall use or operate any **motorized vehicle** on the trails and HLA-owned land that immediately surrounds Hidden Pond with the only exception being HLA-board approved vehicles being used for trail and pond maintenance.
3. **Pets** are allowed in the water and on the land surrounding Hidden Pond but are subject to the **HLA Animal Policy** and any regulations in place regarding pets by the Town of Stoddard (including Leash Laws).

The **HLA Hidden Pond Usage Policy** was developed by the HLA Bylaws and Policy Committee during meetings from Fall 2022 through Winter 2023 and adopted by the HLA Board at the February 2023 Board of Directors Meeting on February 21st, 2023.