

Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works

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Metal Detector Application

Name of Applicant: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

The applicant, should he/she be granted a permit, agrees to fully obey all the conditions set forth on this application as well as the Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works Rules (hereinafter "BPW") and Regulations and any other applicable City, State, or Federal Laws rules and regulation.

In addition, Applicant must:

- 1) Provide to The Board of Public Works an acceptable form of photo identification, which documents Applicant's current address (e.g., State Driver's License or other Government issued identification).
- 2) Surrender all expired Metal Detecting Permit(s) previously issued to applicant by The Board of Public Works (if applicable).
- 3) A list of all significant objects (as defined below) found during the prior year under a duly issued Parks Permit (if applicable).
- 4) Carry current permit with you, during metal detecting activities.

Restricted Areas for Metal Detecting Activity

Metal Detecting activities are restricted to open areas, unless otherwise stated, and prohibited:

- Designated wetlands
- On beaches below low tide mark
- Archeological dig sites
- Formal gardens
- Ball Fields
- Manicured lawns, newly seeded lawns
- Monuments, memorial tree plantings
- Woodlands, native vegetation areas, or any other restricted by signage
- Any Town Property other than Livesey, Cushman and Macomber Parks or a Town beach without prior approval from the Town Administrator

Rules and Regulations for Metal Detecting Activities

1. Metal Detecting activity on Parks' property requires a valid permit from The Board of Public Works.
2. All recovered Significant Object(s) must be reported to the BPW Dept., within 48 hours of finding. Applicant shall submit a photo of the Significant Object(s) to BPW upon request. BPW will determine whether to retain title and possession of the recovered Significant Object(s).
3. Every reasonable effort will be made by the Dept. to publicly display all such recovered Significant Object(s) retained by the Dept. on an annual basis. Such displays shall include appropriate acknowledgements regarding Applicant's involvement.
4. Any identifiable property found by Applicant (such as jewelry or other tangible items) must be turned over to BPW for delivery to the local Fairhaven Police Department where applicable procedures will be followed. FPD will provide BPW with a receipt and hold the object(s) for a determined period of time while Applicant assists FPD in locating a proper owner of the lost property.
5. Applicant shall show all found objects in his/her possession to any Officer upon request.
6. Applicant shall use only hand tools that can be used one-handed for metal Detecting. Hand tools shall be limited to 4 inches wide and 12 inches long.
7. Applicant shall restore a disturbed area to its original condition by removing all evidence of digging and/or probing. All trash, litter or other debris uncovered must be removed and placed in an approved trash receptacle.
8. Probing or digging is strictly prohibited within 25 feet of a tree or within the drip line of the tree, whichever is greater, and in the following areas: Ball-fields, manicured lawns, newly seeded lawns, monuments, memorial tree plantings, flower bed/gardens, woodlands, native vegetation areas, or any other area restricted by signage.
9. Applicant shall comply with any directives to move or cease their actions by any BPW or Town Official.
10. APPLICANT SHALL NOT GO INTO ANY CLOSED BEACH AREAS. Areas may be closed due to endangered species (24 hours a day, April 15 through Labor Day) or dangerous conditions INCLUDING STORM DAMAGE (at all times).
11. Each year, Applicant shall provide a list of all Significant Objects found under a duly issued BPW permit to the BPW Dept. before any new permit will be issued.

Definitions:

Recent Coins – shall mean coins still in common circulation and/or of a value of less than \$25 ('Nominal Value').

Significant Object(s) – shall mean any object of a historical, paleontological, or archaeological nature, or any coin or object whose value significantly exceeds its face value. A Recent Coin is not a Significant Object.

Officer – shall collectively mean any officer from the Fairhaven Police Department.

Native Vegetation Area - shall mean any area where any species of native (i.e., North American) plants are naturally growing and reproducing. Lawn areas are not native plant areas.

Ball-fields – shall mean areas designated for athletic activities including but not limited to baseball, softball, soccer, football, and bleacher/dugout areas etc.

Woodlands – shall mean land with dense coverage of trees, shrubs or bushes.

I, hereby certify that the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the terms set forth in this application, the metal detecting rules attached to this application and the Rules & Regulations of the Town of Fairhaven Board of Public Works. I understand that failure to do so may lead to the cancellation of the permit, the denial of future permit application, or other legal action by BPW.

In addition, I hereby acknowledge and agree that any and all objects I find while metal detecting on Town owned property shall, at the option of BPW, become the property of the Town.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

*******Office Use Only*******

Permit is good from July 1st to June 30th. Expired permit must be surrendered before submitting application for renewal. The Town of Fairhaven is not responsible for lost or stolen permits.

Fee: \$10.00
Amount Due: _____

Date Issued: _____
Expiration Date: _____
Permit # _____
Receipt# _____

Payment Type: Cash _____ Check# _____

Town Of Fairhaven Rules and Regulations for Town Parks and Playgrounds

This beautiful public space is yours to enjoy for relaxation and recreation. Please respect others and keep our park clean. Parks and playgrounds are open dawn to dusk.

Prohibited activities:

- Use of or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Use of vulgar or threatening language
- Operation of unauthorized vehicles on park property
- Parking on the lawn
- Bicycles on the lawn
- Dumping or littering
- Vandalism of a tree, plant, or park structure
- Unleashed animals or any animal within 100 ft of a recreational area
- Fires, fireworks, or firearms of any kind
- Feeding birds or wildlife
- Use of metal detectors without a permit
- Golfing
- Smoking
- Performances, solicitations, or commercial activity without license from BPW
- Use of the park after it is closed
- Skateboarding except where indicated
- Sleeping
- Food trucks within 300 feet of an open concession

If you have any additional question please contact the office at (508) 979-4030.