

TOWN OF BECKET
Becket Board of Selectmen
Beach Permit Policy

Approved on 12/6/2017

Revised on 12/20/2017, Revised on 11/6/2019

*Rules and Regulations for Resident Beach (Parking) Permits
(Residents and Real Estate Property Owners)*

The rationale for the policy is to establish controls to ensure that only Becket and Washington residents access the beach because there is extremely limited parking and lawn space.

Public Beach area includes the beach, the parking lot and abutting town-owned land.

Beach permits displaying the current calendar year are required for parking and access at the Town Beach from January through December.

1. The revised policy will begin on January 1, 2020.
2. Beach permits will list the calendar year they are valid.
3. The Town will issue 2" x 3" plastic beach permit cards. Beach permits will have a unique permit number.
4. Those entering the Town Beach must show their permit cards to the Gate Attendant. Those parked at the Town Beach must display their permit cards on the dashboard of their vehicle
5. The Beach permits will say, "Becket Beach" (not Becket -Washington Beach). Beach permits will cost \$5 each.
6. Each house may have up to two beach permits regardless of the number of owners assigned to the parcel. There is not room in the parking lot for unlimited cars per family. Those with multiple homes may have two permits per home.
7. Replacement permits will be issued at \$5 each. The Town will maintain a log of missing permit numbers and provide them to the Gate Attendants and Police Department. Once a permit is reported as missing, that permit number will become invalid.
8. The Town will maintain a database that includes the Becket address, and name of the property owner assigned to the permit. The Tax Collector's Office will sell the permits, maintain the database and share the database with the Becket Police Department. The Becket Police Department will conduct checks, and continue to be a presence, and if necessary, will issue parking violations.
9. Due to space limitations, camp counselors will not be provided with beach privileges. Camp personnel are not allowed to come to the beach between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
10. If requested, Camp Greylock will receive a complimentary permit to allow the entry of two longtime members of their personnel.

11. Jacob's Pillow may purchase one pass at a cost of \$50 that will allow up to six individuals access to the beach.
12. Kayakers (non-residents) are not allowed to bring but not use their kayaks in order to obtain a parking spot designated for boaters.
13. Guests must be in the permitted vehicle. A car without a permit may not follow along with a car with a permit.
14. If the owner is not capable or able to come in person to the Town Hall, they may designate their permits to a family member through written permission addressed to the Tax Collector's Office.

Becket to Supply Beach Permits to the Town of Washington


Town of Washington


1. The Town of Washington will be charged \$5 per permit (in addition to any other fee for beach maintenance or summer camp).
2. The Town of Washington will sign out a set number of permits (100 or 200), and no later than September 15th, it must return to the Town of Becket the ones that it does not sell. By September 30th the Tax Collector will invoice (with a due date of November 1st) the Town of Washington for permits not returned.
3. The Town of Washington must maintain records on its residents who purchase the permits. The Town of Washington will maintain a database that includes the Town of Washington address, name of the property owner assigned to the permit. The Town of Washington shall provide an electronic spreadsheet to the Town of Becket Police Department for the Washington residents who received beach permits.
4. The Town of Washington is not permitted to distribute the permits to non-Washington residents.
5. The Town of Washington will continue to pay a separate Parks & Recreation maintenance fee to help defray the costs of the Parks & Recreation Summer Programs.
6. Each house may have up to two beach permits. There is not room in the parking lot for unlimited cars per family.
7. Regardless of the number of owners assigned to a parcel, the town will issue up to two permits per home.

Approved on November 6, 2019

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