

## **Tobacco-free policy for Mapleton, Castle Hill, & Chapman**

A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE MAPLETON, CASTLE HILL, & CHAPMAN RESIDENTS AND VISITORS BY ESTABLISHING ALL TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY AS A TOBACCO-FREE ZONE.

**Whereas** the town of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman, Maine, advocates and promotes the good health and quality of life for its citizens and visitors; and

**Whereas** tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, as well as in the State of Maine,

**Whereas** secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children, and pregnant women; and increases a nonsmoker's risk of asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer; and

**Whereas** smoking including inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted/heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, or any other tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic in any form. Smoking also includes the use of any electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form.

**Whereas** smokeless tobacco products are tobacco products containing many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents, and their use is associated with cancers of the mouth, gums, tongue, and throat; and

**Whereas** the town of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman runs many recreational programs on properties owned or leased to the town of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman; and

**Whereas** tobacco use in and around these recreational facilities creates the peculiar circumstances of young people being encouraged and coached by adults to do things beneficial to their health, while at the same time they observe adults and older youth using tobacco products and/or are adversely affected as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke and spit saliva; and

**Whereas** staff and coaches are important role models for the youth that participate in community recreation activities, and whereas what coaches promote is respected and imitated by youth; and

**Whereas** the town of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman employ several people who are protected under law (22 M.R.S.A. § 1580-A),

**Whereas** the mission of the town of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman is to provide healthy recreational activities, it has an obligation to prohibit those activities which it deems contrary to this mission; and

**Whereas** tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and exposure to tobacco saliva are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environment for these experiences; and

**Whereas** good communication informs the public and aids compliance with policies; and

**Whereas** a policy needs to have procedures to follow when a violation of the policy occurs; and

**Whereas** the intent of this policy is to create a tobacco-free environment for residents and visitors and not alienate adults who use tobacco products;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SELECT BOARD** of the TOWN OF Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman does hereby declare that it's properties are tobacco-free and specifically restricts the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, electronic devices, smokeless tobacco products, and any new tobacco products of any and all types, on, in, or at the Town of Mapleton, Castle Hill, and Chapman Parks and Recreation grounds/facilities (pool, pool house, tennis courts, baseball fields, playground as well as all grounds within town-owned property lines) and municipal grounds/buildings except town owned woodlots (Town office, Fire Station, as well as all grounds within town-owned property lines).

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**Adopted by Mapleton September 22, 2010**

**Adopted by Castle Hill November 1, 2010**

**Adopted by Chapman November 3, 2010**