

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Town Hall Rental

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to control the use of the Town Hall in terms of who is to use the facility and how it is to be used. As the Town Hall is an historic community building, the intent is to have the facility used by community organizations and residents of the Town of Bedford.

ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Parks and Recreation, Town of Bedford, will have the authority to control and supervise the use of the Town Hall. The Parks and Recreation Director or designee shall determine the users and shall schedule the facility based on the following guidelines.

GUIDELINES

A. Priority in use

Bookings are made on a first-come/first serve basis. When more than one request comes at the same time, the following is the established priority in use:

1. Town activities and functions have first priority.
2. Bedford organizations and Bedford residents have priority over non-Bedford residents/organizations.
3. Private not-for-profit organizations have priority over private for-profit organizations.
4. Any request to monopolize a lengthy block of time (more than 12 hours) or a long period of time (more than one day), shall be approved by the Recreation Director and Town Manager.
5. Any private for-profit organization or private individual(s) shall be charged rental fees as shown in Schedule (Section B) below.
6. Any private for-profit organization or private individual(s) charging a fee for a program at the Town Hall shall provide liability insurance coverage to the Town, in the amount determined appropriate by the Town.
7. Current Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Bedford as additionally insured on file with the Parks & Recreation Department. (The insurance policy must provide for general liability coverage with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for personal injury, bodily injury and property damage.)

B. Fee schedules

1. Bedford residents and private-for-profit organizations:

<u>Category of event</u>	<u>Less than 5 hours</u>	<u>5 to 12 hours</u>
Social event.....	\$100.00.....	\$200.00
Meeting.....	\$50.00.....	\$100.00

2. Non-Bedford residents and organizations:

<u>Category of event</u>	<u>Less than 5 hours</u>	<u>5 to 12 hours</u>
Private not-for-profit organization.....	\$150.00.....	\$300.00
Other.....	\$150.00.....	\$300.00

3. Rates for use of the Town Hall by private for-profit organizations or individuals beyond 12 hours/day or of more than one day duration shall be determined by the Recreation Director or designee and/or Town Manager.
4. An Energy Surcharge shall be billed to all private-for-profit organizations and to individuals. The charge shall be \$5.00 per hour for each hour during the months from October to April.
5. If liquor/beer/wine is brought into the Town Hall a policeman must be on duty. The charge is \$90.00 per hour, minimum 4 hours = total of \$360. (Council Approved 2/10/20)
If selling alcohol and/or charging admission, you need a State permit. This permit is obtainable from New Hampshire Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, Monday through Friday Phone 271-1722.
6. A refundable cleaning deposit must be submitted prior to the use of the facility in an amount to be determined by the Recreation Director or designee.

C. Limitations on use

1. The maximum capacity of the Town Hall is 200 people.
2. Marching or aerobic dancing by more than 25 people is not allowed in the building.
3. The balcony on the second floor is closed for public use.
4. The basement of the facility is off-limits to the public.
5. The Town reserves the right to review an organization's choice of entertainment as appropriate for the area and facility.

D. Definitions

1. Private not-for-profit organization: an organization recognized by the IRS as a not-for-profit organization under the tax code.
2. Private for-profit organization: any organization or group that does not have IRS not-for-profit status.

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