



ORDINANCE # 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Amending Chapter 185 PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS of the Code of Ordinances by removing Section 185-11.C. seasonal limitations on the use of the Heritage Trail to protect bald eagles.

WHEREAS, the Heritage Trail is now closed to public from December 1 to March 15 to protect bald eagles winter roosting habitat; and

WHEREAS, once a Federal and State listed endangered species, bald eagles in NH are recovered and both breeding and wintering birds are increasing; and

WHEREAS, the NH Audubon, NH Fish and Game, and Conservation Land Stewardship Program support the removal of the winter closure of the Heritage Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford Town Council has authority pursuant RSA 35-B:3 to protect, maintain, and permit any activities within parks and recreation areas within the Town of Bedford; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford Parks and Recreation Commission, established by the Bedford Town Council, and the Bedford Conservation Commission, recommend removing seasonal limitations on the use of the Heritage Trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF BEDFORD ORDAINS that the Bedford Town Council has voted to amend Chapter 185 Parks and Recreation Areas as follows:

Removing Section 185-11, Other Activities "C", The Heritage Trail between Moores Crossing Road and Map 24, Lot 3-2, will be closed from all pedestrian traffic from December 1 to April 1.

Effective upon conclusion of the Public Hearing.

ADOPTED: July 17, 2024
Date

APPROVED: *Lori Radke*
Lori Radke, Town Council Chairwoman

ATTEST: *Sally Kellar*
Sally Kellar, Town Clerk