



CAPE ELIZABETH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Please be aware that under Maine law public consumption of any alcoholic beverage in a public place is strictly prohibited.

Title 17 Sec 2003-A reads as follows:

*A person is guilty of public drinking if the person drinks liquor in any public place within 200 feet of a notice posted conspicuously in the public place by the owner or authorized person that forbids drinking in the public place or after being forbidden to do so personally by a law enforcement officer, unless the person has been given permission to do so by the owner or authorized person. The possession of an open container of liquor in a public place is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. **Violation of this section is a Class E crime.***

The Town of Cape Elizabeth does not grant permission to anyone to drink alcoholic beverages in any area of Fort Williams Park unless approved by the Cape Elizabeth Town Council in conjunction with a group use request.

If you rent any section of Fort Williams Park for a function you have the responsibility to ensure that your guests are aware of this law.

The Park Rangers and Police Officers that patrol the park are obligated to enforce this statute. Your cooperation will benefit you, your activity and Fort Williams Park.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul W. Fenton".

Paul W. Fenton
Chief of Police