

## 4. Draft 2025-10-30 notes

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### **Key changes from the 2015 policy:**

**Empowers Recreation Department** - They now have clear authority over temporary event structures (up to 14 days) and seasonal amenities without Selectboard approval, removing the handcuffs you mentioned.

### **Three new proposals fit cleanly:**

- **Seasonal portalet:** Category 2 - Recreation Director authority
- **Bike repair station:** Category 3 - Selectboard vote (simple process)
- **EV charger:** Category 4 - Selectboard vote with public input (appropriate given trenching impact)

**Removes the rigid one-for-one rule** - Replaces it with an 18% total footprint cap (vs. current 14%), giving modest room for growth while preventing unlimited expansion.

**Creates proportional review** - Bigger impact = more process. A bench gets lighter review than a monument.

**Addresses what was missing** - Temporary structures, maintenance standards, emergencies, underground utilities.

**Maintains appropriate oversight** - Permanent structures still require public hearing, preventing future regrets while not micromanaging day-to-day recreation management.

This strikes the balance between "too restrictive" and "no guardrails."