

BY – LAWS  
OF  
THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Name of the corporation, the objects for which it is established and the nature of the business to be transacted by it and the location of its principal and other places of business shall be as set forth in the Articles of Association as from time to time may be amended, and these By-Laws; the powers of the corporation and of its directors and members and all matters concerning the conduct and regulation of the business of the corporation shall be subject to such provisions in regard thereto, if any, as set forth in said Articles of Association; and such Articles of Association are hereby made a part of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II  
CORPORATE SEAL

The seal of the corporation, subject to alteration thereof by the Board of Directors, shall consist of a flat circular die with the words and figures, “THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THORNTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1983” cut or engraved thereon. Until such seal is obtained, any sealed instruments shall be sealed with an appropriate legal seal.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Memberships.

Any person interested in the history of Thornton, New Hampshire who applies for membership in any classification of membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

Section 2. Annual Dues.

Membership requires annual dues (effective January 1 through December 31) as follows:

Individual. Individual active memberships shall be \$15.00 (fifteen dollars).

Household. Household memberships shall be \$20.00 (twenty dollars).

ARTICLE IV  
ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the society shall be held the first Wednesday of May.

ARTICLE V  
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary who shall be elected for a term of one (1) year; a treasurer who shall be elected for a term of three (3) years; and three (3) additional directors who shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

Section 2. The officers and three additional directors shall constitute the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. All officers and the three additional directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by secret ballot at the annual meeting the first Wednesday of May.

Section 2. Nominations may be made and accepted by any member of the society one month prior to balloting at the annual meeting. A candidate for election must be an active member.

Section 3. A person may not serve in the same office more than three (3) consecutive years other than the treasurer, who may not serve more than one (1) single term of three years. After a year's leave from a position that had been held for three consecutive years, any person may again be re-nominated for that position. In the case of the treasurer, after three year's leave, that person may again be re-nominated for treasurer (or may be appointed to fill the succeeding treasurer's vacancy, if needed).

Section 4. Officers and directors shall be installed at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. In the event of resignation or incapacity of any Board member, the vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VII  
DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The president shall have executive supervision over the activities of the society within the scope provided by these by-laws. He/she shall preside at all meetings. She/he shall report annually on the activities of the society. The president shall appoint the members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided for.

Section 2. The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in the event of absence, incapacity, or resignation of the president until a new president is elected.

Section 3. The secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the society and of the Board of Directors. She/he will maintain a list of members and render an annual report.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of society funds and for maintaining adequate financial records which may be audited. The treasurer shall deposit all monies received with a reliable banking company in the name of the Thornton Historical Society. Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by either the treasurer or the president. The treasurer will collect dues and shall render an annual report from January 1 to December 31.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct all affairs of the society. The Board of Directors shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the society and perform such other functions as designated in the by-laws or otherwise assigned to it. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, four members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or adjourned meeting by a two-thirds vote of those members present provided notice was given at the previous meeting. Or it may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

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