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THREE PONDS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this body shall be Three Ponds Protective Association (TPPA).

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of the TPPA shall be the Emma Ramsey Center, 424 White Mountain Highway, Milton, New Hampshire, Strafford County, but not limited to this address. The mailing address of TPPA shall be: P.O. Box 1242, Milton, NH 03851.

ARTICLE III – STRUCTURE

A. Mission

To preserve and improve healthy water quality and sound land-use practices in and around the Milton/Lebanon Three Ponds including watershed areas.

B. Methods

TPPA will accomplish its mission by various methods, such as, but not limited to:

Continue and enhance programs to monitor, preserve, and improve water quality.

Provide educational materials related to such things as water quality, weed control, pollution, wildlife and plant protection, boating safety.

Network with other lake associations and government agencies involved in promoting and/or regulating health and safety on public waterways.

Raise funds to support TPPA programs.

Act as liaison between potentially contradicting factions to bring about positive change and reduce negative impact to the three ponds and adjoining watersheds.

Become an active voice in the town government of Milton, NH and Lebanon, Me on any and all issues affecting the water bodies known as Milton Three Ponds and the associated watershed areas.

Encourage local and legislative awareness of the Three Ponds watershed and its direct link to human impact.

Enjoy the camaraderie that goes along with the support and care of our three ponds.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in TPPA is open to anyone interested in supporting the mission of the Association. In the Association's first year, the cost for a family membership will be \$25.00 per address. In subsequent years, the cost of membership will be set by the TPPA Board of Directors. Other amounts are allowed, both higher and lower, depending on ability to pay. Having a high percentage of pond property owners as members is more important to TPPA than membership dollars raised.



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ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The affairs of the Association will be managed by a Board consisting of the officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary), the past President, and all Action Team Leaders. (Revised on 26 June 2008.)
- B. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the Board, and the action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Board.
- C. Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Board. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the director's predecessor.

ARTICLE VI – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board shall have power to:
- Call special meetings of the membership.
 - Authorize and cause the Association to enter into contracts for the day to day operation of the Association and the discharge of its responsibilities and obligations.
 - Appoint Action Teams, and grant them such duties and responsibilities as the Board may deem advisable.
 - Approve plans and programs proposed by Action Teams.
 - Dissolve Action Teams.
 - Exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Association, except for those reserved for members in the Articles of Incorporation and in these By-Laws.
 - Approve the Association's annual budget prepared by the Treasurer.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Board to:
- Cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs.
 - Create a written charter that broadly defines the functions, assignments and responsibilities of each Action Team.
 - Set the annual membership dues amount.
 - Prepare a roster of the membership
 - Pay all expenses incurred by the Association.
 - Enforce by appropriate legal means the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws.



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ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

- A. An annual meeting of the Board shall be held immediately after, and at the same place, as the annual meeting of the membership.
- B. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as provided by resolution of the Board.
- C. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by an officer of the Association or by any two (2) directors.
- D. Notice of regular or special meetings of the Board shall be given to each director, personally or by telephone at least three (3) days prior to the day named for such meetings, which notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and, as to special meetings, the purpose of the meeting, unless such notice is waived.
- E. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the members.
- F. The transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed, or whenever held, and any Board action taken in lieu of a meeting, shall be as valid as though made at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, provided that, either before or after the meeting or the effective date of the action taken, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice and consent to the holding of such meeting, or approval of the minutes thereof, or a consent to the action taken in lieu of a meeting. All such waivers, consents or approvals shall be filed with the Association records and made part of the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Each of these officers shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
- B. Officers shall serve for a term of one year, and they shall be eligible for re-election every year.
- C. All of the officers of the Association shall be elected by the Membership at the annual meeting of the Membership. If the election of such officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as practicable. New officers may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board. Each officer shall hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected, or until his earlier death, resignation, or removal.
- D. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, or other termination of service may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.
- E. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out.
- F. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence. The Vice President shall perform such other acts and duties as may be assigned by the Board.

