

The Plainfield Historical Society, Inc. By-Laws

Article 1 - Name

The name of this Corporation shall be :The Plainfield Historical Society, Inc.

Article 2 - Purposes

The purposes of this corporation shall be to study and record all historical facts concerning the Town of Plainfield; to acquaint persons with the facts relative to the history of the town; to receive and preserve such antiquities of the town as shall come into its possession or care; to provide suitable place or places to store and display such articles; to publish a complete history or histories of Plainfield; and to acquire by purchase or otherwise, or lease or rent real and personal property, not in excess of the amount permitted by law, as may be necessary or convenient as incidental to the purpose of the corporation, and to sell and dispose of the same.

Article 3 - Membership

Section 1: All persons who shall be accepted by the Board of Trustees or any membership committee that may be appointed by the Trustees, and who shall pay the dues fixed from time to time by the Board of Trustees shall be members of the Society.

Section 2: Dues shall be \$20.00 per year unless otherwise set by the Trustees or by a majority vote of the members, and shall be payable by the Plainfield Historical Society's annual meeting.

Section 3: If dues of any member become more than one year in arrears, the membership of such person shall automatically terminate after due notice thereof.

Article 4 - Officers

Section 1: The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Trustees consisting of the said officers and not less than three nor more than six trustees at large to be elected by members of corporation as hereinafter provided.

Section 2: The President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by members at the annual meeting to serve for one year. At the first meeting of the incorporators, one trustee at large shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Thereafter at each annual meeting of the members, trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of three years.

Article 5 - Meetings

Section 1: The annual meeting of the members shall be held on or near the fourth Monday of July, that being the date of the first Town Meeting of Plainfield and being the season when most members are likely to be able to attend. The Secretary shall give at least seven days notice of said meeting by mail to all members, and shall publish seven days in advance in at least one newspaper published in the County of Hampshire.

Section 2: Special meetings may be held if called by the President; and on request of a majority of the Board of Trustees or of not less than ten members, the President shall call such a meeting.

Section 3: Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the action of the majority present at any meeting shall be binding upon the corporation.

Article 6 - Meetings of the Trustees

Section 1: The Board of Trustees shall hold a meeting immediately after each annual meeting of the members, and special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Trustees, all members of the Board to be notified by the Secretary by mail or by delivery by hand at least twenty-four hours before meeting.

Section 2: A majority of the members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum, and the action of such quorum shall be binding upon the corporation.

Article 7 - Duties of Officers

Section 1: The Board of Trustees shall have full management and control of all business and property of the corporation.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees. He shall perform such duties as the Board of Trustees shall determine from time to time.

Section 3: The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Society and shall deposit the same in a state or national bank to the credit of the Society, subject to withdrawal by order of the Treasurer, and shall pay all bills approved by the Trustees. He shall have such other duties as the Trustees shall from time to time determine. He shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties if the Trustees shall so require.

Section 5: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and Trustees and shall keep a complete and accurate record of all action taken at said meetings. He shall also give notice of all meetings of the members and the Board of Trustees as required

by these by-laws.

Section 6 - The Board of Trustees may appoint an assistant Treasurer, corresponding secretary, a custodian of property, historian, and such other officers and agents as they shall from time to time determine and shall fix their duties. They may also appoint such committees as they shall deem advisable and shall prescribe their duties and authorities.

Article 8 - Vacancies

Section 1: If any vacancy shall occur among officers elected by the members or among Trustees of the Society, the Trustees may elect a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting. At said annual meeting such vacancy shall be filled by vote of the members present. If a vacancy shall occur among any of the officers elected by the Trustees then the Trustees may fill such vacancy as it occurs and confirm such appointment at the next annual meeting.

Section 2: In the event of the temporary absence of the Secretary at any meeting, a temporary Secretary shall be appointed by the presiding officer to perform the duties of the Secretary at such meeting.

Article 9 - Liabilities

No one of the members shall become liable to the Society for any amount other than entrance and membership dues.

Article 10 - Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the members by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that a brief description of the addition or amendment shall be included in the notices of the meeting at which such amendment or addition is to be voted upon.

Incorporators of the Plainfield Historical Society, Inc. are as follows;

Thomas T. Packard Alice E. Cary Edward R. Frizzell L. Gertrude Longley
Frederick K. Tirrell C. Frederick Dyer Frank Cary Nancy Wenzler

Officers are:

President - Thomas T. Packard

Vice-President - L. Gertrude Longley

Secretary - Alice E. Cary

Treasurer - Carl Bryn

Trustees at Large are:

Edward R. Frizzell for 1962 - 1963 - 1964

Sylvester R. Robertson for 1962 - 1963

Frederick K. Tirrell for 1962

Alice E. Cary since has resigned and Dorothy McMahon has been elected Secretary.

October 15, 1962: Members joined since 1961

Mrs. Phyllis A. Butler Groton Road, R.F.D. 2, Nashua NH

Mrs. Barbara E. Hall 40 Shaker Lane, Littleton, MA

Martin Howes Swift River, Cummington, MA

Norman L. Powell 122 Greswell Drive, Springfield, MA

Vice Admiral Howard Fithian Kingman, USN Retired 81 Fremont Place, Los Angeles, CA

Mrs Howard Fithian Kingman Same address

Article 11 - Dissolution

In the event this corporation should be liquidated or dissolved, voluntarily or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, or if there be no Treasurer at the time of dissolution, the highest ranking officer, to:

A. Pay over any funds on hand after the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, or due provisions therefor, to an elected Historical Commission of the Town of Plainfield, to be deposited in a special perpetual fund to be used to continue the purposes set forth in these by-laws.

B. Make any final reports, notices of dissolution, etc. that may be necessary or desirable on behalf of this corporation.

C. Donate to any elected Historical Commission of the Town of Plainfield II real estate, memorabilia, books, files or other property owned by the corporation at the time.