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TOWN OF STRATHAM

STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

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**ARTICLE I. PREAMBLE**

The tract of land known as Stratham Hill having been presented to the town in the year 1906 by Hon. Edward Tuck to be used as a public recreation ground and park and it being desirable that the grounds and grove be preserved in good condition and the selectmen of the town in whom is vested the legal custody of the property having invited the formation of an association to undertake the work of improvement, we the undersigned do hereby form ourselves into such a body to be known as the Stratham Hill Park Association hereafter referred to in this document as the Association.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION**

It is the purpose of this organization to improve and develop the grounds and facilities at Stratham Hill Park in order that its usefulness and beauty may be enhanced and the purpose of the donor in establishing it as a park for the people of Stratham and nearby towns better accomplished. Also, The Park Association would be willing to support the Town Administration and other Town Boards and Committees like the Conservation Commission in the improvement and development of areas adjacent to the Park.

The Association will exert itself to develop public interest and will undertake to procure the necessary funds through donations and other means to meet the expense of necessary improvements.

Plans for such improvements will be formulated by the Association and upon affirmative vote and subject to final approval of the Board of Selectmen, such improvements will be carried out.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Any Stratham resident may become a member of this Association. Membership may be accepted anytime during the year. A non-resident may become a member upon majority vote of those members present.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Association shall be held on the fourth Monday in the months of January, March, May, September, and November. The March meeting will be the Annual meeting. Notice of the scheduled meeting dates for the calendar year shall be posted by the secretary of the Association at the Town Office, Library, and Post Office in January of each year. The Executive Board may call a special meeting from time to time, as they deem necessary. Notice of such meetings shall be posted as prescribed above in addition to requesting local newspapers to announce the time, place and date of the special meeting. All meetings will be held at the Stratham Municipal Center. Association business should be conducted by a majority vote of those members present at a meeting of the Association or of the Executive Board, unless otherwise stipulated herein.

#### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

Officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three Selectmen. These seven persons shall constitute the Executive Board of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Election of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association shall be for a two-year term beginning at the Annual Meeting, March 1993.

#### **ARTICLE VII. PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board, or in his absence, the Vice-President shall fill the Chair.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall keep a list of the members of the Association and a correct record of its proceedings in suitable Journals and shall give notice of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE IX. TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall keep an accounting of all moneys belonging to the Association and report the state of its finances by written report at each meeting. Disbursement of the funds of the Association will be made by the Treasurer or, in his absence, the President. The membership of the Association may vote on expenditures at a regular meeting but are subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen who is ultimately responsible for the Park. In a similar manner for those occasions between regular meetings when expenditures have to be made, approval of the Executive Board, subject to Board of Selectmen, approval will be required.

## ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

The President may, from time to time, appoint committees to investigate certain aspects of the operation and to advise the Association of its recommendations.

## ARTICLE XI. BY-LAWS

The by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at two consecutive meetings of the Association. No amendment shall be acted upon unless notice at such proposed amendments are posted at least two weeks prior to the first meeting.

This revision of the 1906 Constitution of the Stratham Hill Association shall become effective upon the affirmative vote to adopt after two readings.

First Reading 9-27-10

Second Reading 11-22-10

Witness our hands to be adopted and effective this 22 day of November 2010.

President: Daniel Crow

Daniel Crow 12-1-10

Vice President: Terry Barnes

Terry Barnes

Secretary: Vicky Avery

Vicky Avery 12-1-10

Treasurer: Kevin Peck

Kevin Peck 12/1/10

Selectmen: 1-

Brian Peters

2-

David Peck

3-

David Canada