

MLPOA 2025 BY-LAWS

Amended July 19, 2025

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association shall be to preserve and promote recreational interests in areas bordering upon and lying in the waters of Lake Monomonac and connecting waters, more particularly to preserve and protect the natural beauty, water quality, and recreational value of Lake Monomonac and its surrounding watershed, promote responsible enjoyment of the lake, support public safety and law enforcement, educate the community about lake stewardship, and manage resources in service of these goals for the benefit of current and future generations.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

Any property owner, tenant, or other individual interested in the purposes as set forth above may, upon application and payment of dues for the current year as herein set forth, become an active voting member defined a person who has paid their annual dues for the current calendar year, and as such, the active member shall be a member in good standing and entitled to vote on all matters which come before MLPOA for that calendar year through the commencement of the annual meeting of the following calendar year. Each voting member shall be entitled to have counted a single vote on matters brought before the attendees of the Annual Meeting, unless not fewer than ten (10) attendee members shall seek a Paper Ballot on an issue. In such event, only one representative of each household from which a minimum of \$50 in dues has been paid for the current year shall be entitled to vote with a Paper Ballot on that single issue.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

An Annual Meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in July at a time and place to be designated by the President within the Town of Rindge. A written notice of such time and place shall be mailed by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to such Annual Meeting to each member of the Association, addressed to the Post Office address or e-mail address provided by such member when admitted to membership, or subsequently changed by a notice in writing. Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected at such Annual Meeting, and any other business pertinent to the purposes of the Association may be transacted. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, by notifying the Secretary of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting. The Secretary shall notify members as provided above as in the case of the Annual Meeting. In order to conduct the business at any meeting, there shall be a quorum of not less than thirty [30] members. A majority vote of those present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be sufficient. The Board is also authorized to conduct an electronic vote via email when the Board deems it necessary, and in such event a quorum shall be determined by all those who vote electronically, and those members who do not vote shall not be counted in determining a quorum, but under no circumstances shall a quorum be less than thirty [30] voting members.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who all shall be members of the Association. The duties of said officers are as follows:

- (a) **President:** The President shall preside over all meetings and be Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- (b) **Vice President:** The Vice President, in the absence or disability of the President, shall perform all duties usually performed by the President and in addition, shall perform such administrative duties as may be delegated by the President.
- (c) **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep records of the Association, record the votes taken at all meetings, give notice of all meetings, as provided in Article III above, keep minutes of all meetings and perform such duties as may be required by law.
- (d) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive and collect all monies due the Association from any source, pay all

bills (those in excess of \$250.00 need Presidential approval), keep records of all such collections and disbursements and make an annual report thereof at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The books shall be open for inspection by any active member at all times. The members hereby authorize the Board to make annual donations of up to \$1,000.00 each to organizations that support, benefit and/or promote Lake Monomonac causes, such as, but not limited to, the Loon Preservation Committee, Winchendon Springs Lake Association (“WSLA”) and NH Lakes.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

There shall be six (6) standing committees as specified below. In addition thereto there shall be ad-hoc committees as the President may from time to time appoint to assist in such projects and investigations as he/she shall specify.

(a) **LAKE ECOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Shall lead the efforts to monitor and maintain the water quality of Lake Monomonac, with duties that include, but are not limited to: Prepare and submit applications for state grant monies to support the control of various invasive species; Work with the Treasurer to engage a contractor for the mitigation of said invasive species; Assist the contractor in any matters requested, such as contractual requirements conducted by the contractor in coordination with NHDES and Special Permit conditions; and Assist in the management of the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP).

(b) **LAKE HOST COMMITTEE:** Shall lead the efforts to implement the Lake Host Program, with duties that include, but are not limited to: Coordinate with NH Lakes, NHDES or any other such organization to secure grant funding for the Program; and Execute any other matters required for the successful performance of the Program.

(c) **LAKE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Shall lead the efforts to promote lake stewardship and environmental awareness through educational programming, with duties that include, but are not limited to: Work with area teachers and other important participants to plan and execute a successful Lake Education Day program.

(d) **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Shall lead the efforts to support and enhance the Association’s technological infrastructure, with duties that include, but are not limited to: Partner in the maintenance and processing of the Association membership database; provide technical support to Association officers and Directors; evaluate hardware and software equipment to optimize technology resources; and Set up and manage the operation of audio visual equipment.

(e) **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Shall lead the efforts to ensure financial transparency and accountability within the Association, with duties that include, but are not limited to: Conduct an annual audit of the Treasurer’s records, including all receipts and disbursements of the Association for that fiscal year.

(f) **DATABASE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**—The Database and Communications Committee shall ensure timely communication about lake news, events, stewardship efforts and community engagement between the association, its members and the community at large to support the association’s mission and encourage active participation. In addition thereto there shall be such committees as the President may from time to time appoint to assist in such projects and investigations as he/she shall specify.

ARTICLE VII. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

All members shall pay annual dues as the Board shall determine. The Board may establish annual due criteria with commensurate membership levels as they see fit. This may include a minimum due for membership. The Directors may review and change any, or all, membership levels from time to time. A due is defined as a cash contribution or asset of agreed upon value of at least the minimum membership level as set by the Board.

Assessments for special purposes may be made, upon a two-thirds majority vote of members in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any special meeting or electronic vote called for that purpose, in such amount as may be determined by the voters and shall be assessed equally among all members.

VIII. SEAL

The seal of the organization shall be in such form as the Directors may determine.

IX. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

In the event MLPOA should cease to function and a two-thirds majority of the membership in attendance at a specially constituted meeting therefore, shall vote to dissolve it, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of MLPOA, shall distribute, in any proportion considered prudent, all of the assets of the MLPOA to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes and at the time qualifying as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of the federal tax code in effect at that time, as well as any New Hampshire statutes then in effect, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the MLPOA is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine.

X. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting or special meeting called for that purpose by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present at such meeting at which there is a quorum.