

By-Laws

The Friends of the Library, Freedom, New Hampshire

(Revised November 14, 2016)

Article I

The name of this corporation shall be Friends of the Library, Freedom, New Hampshire.

Article II Purpose

- To work in cooperation with the librarian and the Library trustees, in support of the Library
- To promote awareness of functions, resources, services, and needs of the Library
- To foster public support for the Library
- To provide programs and events for the community that are compatible with the mission of the Library.
- To raise funds for and on behalf of the Freedom Public Library
- To increase public awareness and stimulate the use of the Library's resources

Article III Membership

All persons who donate funds or services to the Library, during the previous 12 months, shall be considered members of the Friends, for that year. Members of the Friends of the Library can vote on all matters brought up at the annual meeting.

Article IV Officers

The officers of the Friends shall be an Executive Board which shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Library Director as an ex-officio member. The Executive Board shall also serve as members of the Board of Directors.

Article V Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of directing the business of the Corporation and the care and management of the Corporation's funds and property. Directors shall be appointed annually by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the members and thereafter until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section I

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than 5 or more than 20 members including the Executive Board. The Board of Directors and the members of the Friends of the library shall have the authority to increase or decrease the number of directors within these limits. Trustees can sit on the board as non voting members.

Section II

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors a majority of the remaining members of the Board may appoint a person to fill such vacancy who shall serve until the next Annual Meeting or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Article VI Emeritus Board Status

Emeritus Status recognizes long term service of Board members and acknowledges their experience with the organization. Emeritus members will have an advisory role where they can bring historical perspective to discussions. Emeritus members have no vote and serve with a lifetime appointment.

Section I

Board members with a term of service of at least eight years who wish to continue in an advisory capacity may step down from their elected position and become Emeritus Members.

Section II

Board members who desire to become emeritus members shall notify one of the Officers of the Board of their preference and be voted to this status at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Section III

Emeritus members will be expected to continue their volunteer service to the Friends of the Library as defined in Article III and to serve as ambassadors for the Friends of the Library and the Freedom Public Library helping to engage the Community in our programs and services.

Article VII Meetings

Section I

The annual meeting of the Friends shall be held on a date set by the Executive Board for election of officers and transaction of other business.

Section II

Meetings shall be held whenever called by the president or in his/her absence by two (2) members of the Executive Board.

Section III

The annual meeting of the members of the Friends shall be held in the spring. Notice of the annual and all special meetings shall be posted at the Library two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section IV

Five (5) members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for transactions of business of the corporation at all general membership meetings.

Article VIII Compensation

No member, officer, director, or person connected with the corporation, or any other private individual shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the Corporation, provided, that this shall not prevent the payment of any such person of such reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation in effecting any of its purposes as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Article IX Funds and Liability

Section I

All funds shall be deposited to the account of the Friends of the Library, Freedom, New Hampshire and shall be disbursed by the treasurer of the Friends as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section II

Any funds up to \$500 necessary outside the annual budget can be authorized by the president.

Section III

The officers of the Corporation and members of the board shall not be liable to the corporation or its shareholders or members for monetary damages for breach of the fiduciary duties to the full extent permitted by N.H. RSA 292.

Article X Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a quorum of 5 members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of amending these by-laws, provided that the text of the proposed amendments shall have been distributed to the members in the call for the meeting.