# **COLLINS POND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION – BY LAWS**

# Article 1 - Name/Location/Association/Purposes

Section 1: Name: Collins Pond Improvement Association

Section 2: The Association is located in Windham, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine

Section 3: The purposes of the Collins Pond Improvement Association are:

- a. Provide charitable work and opportunities designated to protect and conserve the natural resources of Collins Pond and its shorelines, water quality and watershed.
- b. Encourage and assist in the development and maintenance of a volunteer work force committed to achieving the goals of the Association and the preservation of Collins Pond and its watershed for future generations.
- c. Extend and develop public interest in the understanding of aquatic plant management, the protection of water and lake quality, and the preservation of natural habitats for plants, fish and wildlife within Collins Pond and similar lake communities within the State of Maine.
- d. Assist the Collins Pond Community and similar lake communities within the state of Maine to engage in and contribute to the control/eradication of invasive species through education and volunteer programs.
- e. Seek grants and charitable funding and solicit donations necessary to achieve the goals and promote the interests of the Association.
- f. Cooperate with local, state, regional and national chapters of other organizations and agencies with similar and related interests.

# Article 2 - Membership

Membership in the Association shall consist of real estate owners in and around Collins Pond Windham, Maine, members of their families, and other persons interested in the purposes of the Association.

# **Article 3-Officers & Board of Directors**

The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Clerk and a Board of not less than three (3) or more than eight (8) Directors.

## Section 1: President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/she shall also preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall do and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

## Section 2: Vice President

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

## Section 3: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the monies received and paid out, and shall have custody of all Association property. All funds shall be paid out as directed by the Board of Directors.

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### Section 4: Clerk

The Clerk shall send proper notices of Association meetings of the members and keep the records thereof, shall be the Clerk of the Board of Directors and keep a record of all meetings of the Board; send proper notices of meetings of the Board; and generally perform such duties as may be required by the President and the Board of Directors.

## Section 5- Board of Directors

They shall have the general management of the business of the Association. They shall hold annual meetings with date and time to be announced by the President. Meetings at other times, when called by the President or a majority of their own number, shall have two days' notice.

## Article 4 – Meetings

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent by the clerk to each member of the Association at least fourteen 14 days before the date of such meeting. At this meeting the Officers and a Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected by members present. Voting may be in person or by written proxy.

### Article 5 – Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at any annual or special meeting, provided that written notice of the amendments has been sent to the members at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

## Article 6–Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, its assets shall be given to another association whose purposes are similar.

#### AMENDMENT HISTORY

Jan 26, 2017 approved as whole revision amendments to previously adopted bylaws for purposes of IRS non-profit status.