

BY-LAWS OF THE FERRISBURGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Article 1

The name of the society shall be the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Inc.

Article 2

The objectives of the society shall be:

The purpose of the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, Inc. is to bring together those people interested in history, especially in the history of the area.

The Society's major function will be to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of Ferrisburgh and surrounding area. It will collect printed material, manuscript material, and museum material. The Society will provide for the preservation of such material and for accessibility, as far as may be feasible.

The Society will disseminate historical information and arouse interest by publishing historical material, holding meetings, marking historic sites and by using the media to awaken public interest.

The Society will cooperate with the State Historical Society to collect and preserve materials of statewide significance, so that these materials can be available to students and scholars.

Article 3

Section 1: Membership dues will be \$5.00 annually per person. Dues will be waived for any person who is a full-time student.

Section 2: Membership takes effect by payment of the dues applicable to membership and the date of the receipt of the first payment of dues shall be the date of enrollment and membership.

Section 3: Each paid member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at any regular or special meeting. In order to pass an item a majority votes will be required.

Article 4

Section 1: The members by vote shall from time to time determine the amount of the dues payable by members.

Section 2: Annual Dues shall be payable on or before the annual meeting in October of each year.

Section 3: When any member shall be in default of dues for a period of three months from the due date, his or her membership in the Society shall be terminated.

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Article 5- Government

Section 1: Board of Trustees

The affairs of the Society shall be governed by a Board of Trustees and shall consist of the following:

- (a) The President of the Society who shall be the Chairperson, Treasurer, and the Secretary.
- (b) Elected Board members, three in number
- (c) At the first annual meeting Board members are elected: 1 member for 1 year, 1 for 2 years, and 1 for three years. Thereafter each year one board member is elected for a three year term.

(d) Quorum of Board may approve expenditures of seventy-five dollars (\$75) or less for organizational dues and/or speaker fees.

Section 2: Election of Board Members

Election to the Board shall be at the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in the board shall be filled, until the next annual meeting, by vote of the remaining members on the Board.

Section 3: Quorum of Board

For the transaction of business, and election of Board members, four Board members shall be a quorum.

Section 4: Meetings of the Board

The board shall meet once a year immediately following the annual meeting and at such other times as called by the president or a majority of trustees.

Article 6- Officers

Section 1: Officers

The officers of the Society shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2: Election of Officers

The president, vice-president, secretary, and the treasurer shall be elected by the members every year at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of one year. None may serve for more than 5 successive terms.

Section 3: President

The president, or in his or her absence, the vice-president, shall preside over all meetings of the society and the board. In the absence of both, the secretary, or in his or her absence, the treasurer shall preside. The president shall appoint all committees of the society. He or she shall exercise a general supervision over all affairs of the society.

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Section 4: Treasurer

The treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to this office. He or she shall make a financial statement at the annual meeting covering the previous fiscal year and shall make such other financial reports as required by the president or Board of Trustees. He or she shall keep a roll of the members of the society and collect dues.

Section 5: Secretary

The secretary shall keep a complete record of all proceedings of meetings of the Society and Board of Trustees. He or she shall give notice of the meetings to members of the Society as may be requires, and shall also perform all other duties usually appertaining to the office of secretary.

Section 6: Succession

In the event of death, disability, or resignation of the president, his or her duties shall be performed, until the next annual meeting by the vice-president, and so on in the order set forth in Section 1 of this article (6).

Article 7- Meetings of the Members

Section 1: Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the members shall be held on the **second Wednesday** of each month, the place decided by the members, in pursuit of the general objectives of the society, as set forth in Article 2.

Section 2: Annual Meeting

The regular meeting of the members scheduled for the month of October in each year shall be considered the society's annual meeting.

Section 3: Business to be transacted at the Annual Meeting

Members of the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Society shall be elected at the annual meeting. Action shall be taken at the annual meeting on the reports of the activities of the Board, and the officers and various committees during the preceding year. In addition, any other business may be transacted at the annual meeting that may properly come before the meeting. All reports submitted at the annual meeting by the Board, the officers and the various committees may be in writing if so ordered.

Section 4: Special Meetings

In addition to or instead of any of the regular meetings of the members, special meetings may be called by the president or a majority of the Board of Trustees at such times as the president or Board shall determine.

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Notice and purpose of any special meeting shall be given not less than two days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

Section 5: Quorum

To conduct the business of the Society at any meeting, the vote shall be by a majority of the members present.

Article 8- Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the society shall be October 1 to September 30.

Article 9- Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of members present at an annual or special meeting called for the purpose, provided notice of the proposed amendment or amendments is given notice of such annual or special meeting.

Article 10- Appointed by President

Standing Committees

Collections- 3 members

Publicity Committee- secretary

Program Committee- Vice-President and Helpers

Nominations Committee- Board of Trustees

Finance Committee- Treasurer and Auditors (2)

Membership Committee- all members

Cemetery Committee- 3 members

Building Committee- 3 members

Upon dissolution of this corporation, after paying all liabilities, the remaining assets shall be transferred to the Town of Ferrisburgh and held in interest of a future similar organization.

These proposed By-Laws are submitted for consideration by the members Gail Blasius, Linda Fields, Bob Mitchell, Silas Towler, Ellie Mitchell, and Kay Teetor on November 1, 2010

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