

## **By-Laws of Kingston Historical Museum formed August 1, 1971**

- Article 1.** On March 10, 1971, at the Town Meeting, the Town voted on Article 13 to establish a museum to be known as The Kingston Historical Museum.
- Article 2.** Purpose: The mission of The Kingston Historical Museum is to increase public knowledge and understanding of the history and cultural heritage of the town of Kingston, New Hampshire from its earliest inhabitants to the present generation. The Committee will communicate that history through an active museum, educational programs, and a research library.
- Article 3.** The museum shall be under a committee comprised of 5 members appointed by the Selectmen for a staggered three (3) year term.
- Article 4.** The Museum Committee shall be responsible for managing the museum operations and all aspects of collection management according to the policies adopted by the Committee.
- Article 5.** Officers and Duties of each officer:
- Officers shall be appointed by the committee and shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
  - Chair – Conduct all meetings, assist committee members in routine Museum duties, and in general, represent the Museum.
  - Vice Chair – Act as Chair in absence of Chair.
  - Secretary – Keep minutes of all meetings and take care of correspondence as necessary.
- Article 6.** The Kingston Historical Museum consists of the following buildings: 1898 Nichols Memorial Library, 1895 firehouse, 1833 Grace Daley barn, 1880s cobbler shop and 1907 tramp house. On July 15, 2016 the NH Circuit Court issued a court order per the request of the Board of Selectmen to amend the original Nichols trust to specify that the Nichols Memorial Library would be used in the future for the Town of Kingston Historical Museum rather than as its public library. (Case Number 318-2016-EQ-0056.)
- Article 7.** The Museum Committee may appoint an individual or subcommittee to perform certain duties and tasks on behalf of the Committee.
- Article 8.** Meetings shall be held at the pleasure of the Chair, but at least six (6) times a year.
- Article 9.** Fiscal year shall be established by Town of Kingston.
- Article 10.** Upon dissolution for this organization, the assets shall be returned to the donors as required and if possible. The remaining assets will be distributed to one or more organizations that share a similar mission as the Kingston Historical Museum. Such organization(s) shall fall within the meaning of section 501 (C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or any future tax code. In the event no such organization can be found or will accept the assets then the assets will be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.
- Article 11.** Amendments to the by-laws may be made by the Committee.
- Adopted:** August 1, 1971 Adopted **Amended:** October 3, 2023

