

**THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of the organization shall be the WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the "Society".

ARTICLE II - Objectives

The objectives of this Society shall be:

- Section 1. To acquire and preserve historic documents, records, artifacts and memorabilia of the Borough of Wenonah.
- Section 2. To locate and acquire a suitable place for the storage and display of such materials.
- Section 3. To encourage the protection and preservation of historical landmarks and points of interest within the Borough of Wenonah.
- Section 4. To encourage historical and genealogical research, and publication of its results.
- Section 5. To encourage interest in history generally, and in Wenonah history in particular, among the youth of Wenonah.
- Section 6. To make all information and acquisitions of the Society available to the public.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Any interested person or organization may become a member of the Society upon application and payment of dues to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Trustees

- Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.
- Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of these four Officers plus two Trustees, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Society.

ARTICLE V - Election of Officers and Trustees

- Section 1. The Officers and Trustees shall be elected for terms of two (2) years by a majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 2. A Nominating Committee consisting of two (2) members of the Board of Trustees and two (2) regular members of the Society shall be selected by the membership at the November Meeting, and at the Annual Meeting shall present a slate of four (4) Officers and two (2) Trustees.
- Section 3. Any member in good standing may make additional nominations from the floor.

Section 4. Election shall be by voice vote, or if necessary, by ballot.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of January or as close thereafter as possible at a proper place and time determined by the officers of the Society.

Section 2. The organization of the Society shall be accomplished at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. The Officers and membership shall meet monthly except during the months of June, July and August.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President following ten (10) days written notice to the dues-paying members, or at the written request of the two (2) Board of Trustees members

Section 5. Fifteen members of the Society present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for official and binding actions of the Society.

Section 6. Failure of any Officer or Trustee to regularly attend meetings of the Society without good and sufficient reason shall constitute grounds for a majority of the membership to declare such office vacant. The Secretary or other designated member shall notify him or her, and the Board of Trustees shall, as soon as is possible, fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

This Constitution and these Bylaws may be amended or changed by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present at any meeting of the Society, provided a copy of the proposed amendment(s) or change(s) shall have been mailed to every member at least one week before the meeting, together with notice of the date and place of the meeting where the action is to be taken.

ARTICLE VIII - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this Society all of its property and acquisitions shall become the property of the Gloucester County Historical Society.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall be the principal executive officer and shall perform all inherent duties of the office, and those as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of each; cast the deciding vote on occasion of a tie; enforce all laws and regulations relating to the administration of the Society; and may sign any instrument where the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the membership.

Section 3. The Vice Presidents shall in the absence of the President have all the powers and prerogatives of the President, and be subject to all restrictions of the President. In the absence of both, the Board of Trustees shall appoint one of their members to preside.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Society and the Board of Trustees. He or she shall maintain a permanent file of all minutes and other records pertaining to the activities of the Society.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect and keep accurate accounts of all dues and moneys received by the Society; shall pay all bills approved by the President and/or the Board of Trustees; and shall report at the monthly and annual meetings the condition of the treasury. The Treasurer may be bonded if so decided by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE II - Committee Chairpersons

Committee Chairpersons shall see that the functions of the Committee are properly and efficiently executed, and shall report at the meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE III - Dues and Membership

Section 1. Dues are payable on or before February 1 for the ensuing calendar year ending December 31 of each year.

Section 2. Classes of membership shall be as follows:

- a. Individual
- b. Family
- c. Life

Section 3. Dues in the listed categories shall be set by a majority vote of the membership at the Annual meeting each year. Life memberships shall be available only to individuals upon payment of a one-time fee, and shall carry a lifetime exemption from annual dues.

ARTICLE IV - Property

Section 1. All acquisitions presented to the Society shall remain the sole, unrestricted property of the Society, and shall be used, placed or stored in a manner best fitting the needs and purposes and available storage area(s) as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Acquisitions shall not be loaned without the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. All officers, trustees and committee chairpersons shall be responsible for all records, tools, keys, materials or anything belonging to the Society, and shall return same to the President upon leaving office.

ARTICLE V - Rules of Order

The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in Robert's Rules of Order - Newly Revised, shall govern all meetings and actions of the Society.