

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of the GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We, the subscribers of full age, hereby associate ourselves together as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Vermont to be known by the name of **THE GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. (GHS)**.

The principal office and mailing address shall be located in the Town of Goshen, in the County of Addison, State of Vermont. The mailing address will coincide with the office of the Treasurer.

MISSION:

To research, document, preserve and reveal the rich history of Goshen and its people.

VISION:

- 1. Research, advocate to and educate the public on the history of the town, its people, and historical sites.**
- 2. Preserve the historical buildings and sites within town.**
- 3. Encourage exchange of historical information within other historical societies, organizations, and communities within Vermont.**
- 4. Acquire funding through grants, membership, fundraisers, and donations to assist with research, preservation, and events.**
- 5. Collaborate with the Town of Goshen.**

BY-LAWS

Article I. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any person, group or business, interested in the history of Goshen and Old Philadelphia, who applies for membership in any classification of membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

Section 2. Membership shall be of six (6) classes:

1. **Student Member**
Any person under 21 years of age interested in the purpose of the GHS.
2. **Senior Member**
Any person 65 years of age or over interested in the purpose of the GHS.
3. **Regular Member**
Any person interested in the purpose of the GHS.
4. **Contributing Member**
Any person offering special support to the objectives of the GHS.
5. **Supporting Member**
Any person or business offering special support to the objectives of the GHS.
6. **Life Member**
Any individual who tenders the LIFE membership dues in one (1) payment.

Section 3. Annual dues shall be according to classification of membership.

<u>MEMEBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>ANNUAL DUES</u>
Student Membership	\$5.00
Senior Membership <i>(65 years and over)</i>	\$10.00
Regular Membership	\$15.00
Contributing Membership	\$50.00
Supporting Membership	\$100.00
Life Membership <i>Granted upon (1) one payment</i>	\$250.00

Section 4. Membership period shall be from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 5. Annual dues shall be payable in advance on or before December 1st.

Article II. Meetings

Section 1. The Annual meeting of the GHS shall be held during the third week of October.

Section 2. Schedule and Quorum for meetings.

1. Meetings of the membership of the GHS shall be held at least six (6) times a year.
2. Special meetings may be called by any Director or by petition signed by 25% of the members.
3. Three (3) members of the Board of the GHS shall constitute a quorum.

Article III. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the GHS shall be elected for the following terms:

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| 1. President | 2-year Term |
| 2. Vice-President | 2-year Term |
| 3. Secretary | 1-year Term |
| 4. Treasurer | 3-year Term |
| 5. Membership Director | 3-year Term |

A Director having been elected to two consecutive terms may not serve again until one year has elapsed.

Section 2. Roles and Responsibilities of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to oversee all affairs of the GHS. The Board of Directors shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the GHS and perform such other functions as designated in the BY-LAWS or otherwise assigned to it.
2. The President, who also serves as the Board of Directors Chair, shall have executive supervision over the activities of the GHS within the scope provided by the BY-LAWS. They shall preside as Chair at all meetings of the GHS.
3. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of absence, incapacity, or resignation of the President.
4. The Secretary shall post agendas, write, and publish minutes of meetings in a timely manner, and collect nominations for elections.
5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the custody of GHS funds and for maintaining detailed financial records. They shall deposit all monies received by them with a reliable banking company in the name of the GOSHEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by the Treasurer and/or the President. Two signatures are required for expenditures exceeding \$500. The Treasurer will receive dues from the Membership Director. The Treasurer will prepare a quarterly financial report to present to membership.
6. The Membership Director, maintains membership database, collects membership fees to be turned into Treasurer, leads membership committee as Chair to develop and execute growth strategies, and compiles the annual report for membership.

Article IV. Election of Board of Directors

Section 1. All Directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by secret ballot at the annual meeting.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Nominations Committee to assemble lists of persons willing to serve in the various offices and as Directors of the GHS and to return said list to the Secretary of GHS no later than September 1st. Such lists must include at least one candidate for each post to be filled.

Section 3. Nominations may also be made by any member of the GHS at any time prior to balloting at the annual meeting. Any nomination made after the returns of the Nominations Committee must be seconded. A candidate for election shall be a member of the GHS and agree to serve.

Section 4. Directors shall be installed at the close of the Annual meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. In the event of resignation or incapacity of any office except the President, or any director, the vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office,

Article V. Committees

Section 1. The GHS shall have the following standing committees:

LIBRARY & MUSEUM	Responsible for collecting, cataloging, the care, arrangement and repair of books, manuscripts, newspapers, and other historical source material. Responsible for collecting, cataloging, cleaning, repair, and storage of historic objects; for arranging museum exhibits, and the correct historical interpretation of exhibits; for the care of upkeep of museum.
PUBLICATIONS	Responsible for finding ways and means for publishing joint or individual research studies and books.
HISTORIC SITES	Responsible for establishing the historic validity for sites proposed for marking; for marking historic sites; for arranging historic tours; for preservation and up-keeping.
EVENTS & PUBLIC RELATIONS	Responsible for and implementing programs for meetings and special events, newsletter to members, for staging radio and television programs.
MEMBERSHIP	Responsible for making membership drives and processing new candidates membership. Membership Director serves as Chair of Membership Committee, responsible for maintaining GHS website and social media presence.

NOMINATIONS	Responsible for making nominations for the Board of Directors.
AMBASSADORS TO GOSHEN SELECTBOARD	Two positions, one primary, one alternate shall be appointed to liaise with the Goshen Selectboard on behalf of the GHS. These ambassadors will be the recommended appointees to the Town’s Historical Committee.
FUNRAISING & GRANTS	Responsible for researching and applying for funds to assist in the support of the vision of GHS, utilizing a diversity of sources, such as state, federal, and other means. Maintains a database of available grant opportunities.

Section 2. The Board of Directors appoints members of the Standing Committee at the first meeting of the calendar year, with the exception the Nominations Committee, which shall be appointed by a vote of the Board of Directors. Each committee will select their own Chair.

Section 3. Other Committees, standing or special, may be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Article VI. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order govern the proceedings of the GHS except in such cases as are governed by the Articles of Association or the BY-LAWS.

Article VII. Amendment to the BY-LAWS

These BY-LAWS may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Dated at the Town of Goshen, in the County of Addison, State of Vermont this thirteenth day of April 2022.