# CHARTER OF THE EPSOM HISTORIC STRUCTURES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### 1- Scope:

This Committee is charted by the Town of Epsom, through its Board of Selectmen, to engage in the proper Stewardship, maintenance, and care of the historic structures owned by the Town of Epsom at the time of the inception of this charter, the Old Meeting House, is placed under the care of the Committee (EHSSC). The Town of Epsom, through its various boards and bodies having proper jurisdiction may from time to time place other structures or historic places within the care of the Committee consistent with the requirements of the state of New Hampshire, the Board of Selectmen hereby place the Epsom Meeting House within the stewardship of the Committee for a period of not less than fifteen (15) years from the date of the adoption of this charter.

### 2- Purpose:

The purpose of this Committee is to preserve the historical value of the structures owned by the Town of Epsom and placed within the stewardship of the Committee. It is also to protect the investment of the town and other government and non-governmental entities which may have contributed to the acquisition, restoration, or betterment and maintenance of the structures within the care of the Committee. The Committee shall strive to avoid costly repairs associated by making timely repairs and undertaking maintenance requirements. The Committee shall act consistent with the "Covenant of Stewardship" contained in the fifteen (15) year Stewardship Agreement with the State of New Hampshire. The Committee shall submit on an annual basis, no later than the anniversary date of this charter, a report to LCHIP on all activities undertaken on both the exterior and interior of the structures within its care over the previous year as well as any stewardship development, activities, actions, changes, to the stewardship plan for the property. The Committee shall convey a copy of this report to the Epsom Board of Selectmen and shall provide oversight and recommendation regarding the use, needs, budget estimates and other technical information as may be required pertaining to the structures placed under its care. The Epsom Board of Selectmen hereby incorporates by reference the Stewardship Agreement and the Stewardship Plan as a part of this Charter as Exhibits A and B.

## 3- Ultimate Oversight and Enforcement:

The ultimate oversight and enforcement of the policies contained herein along with any attachments hereto are reserved to the Epsom Board of Selectmen.

# 4- Composition and Qualification for Membership:

The Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and may have no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) members. The members shall be appointed on a staggered date for terms no less than one (1) and no more than five (5) years. The appointments shall be so as to no two (2) regular members shall be appointed during a single calendar year, other than at the time of the inception of this charter or if a vacancy is created. The Board of Selectmen, at their discretion, may appoint no more than two (2) alternates to assist the Committee. The members of the Committee shall be officials of the Town of Epsom for the purposes of the actions undertaken in good faith within the scope of their duties. The members shall include at least the following:

- a- A member of the Friends of the Epsom Historic Meeting House Committee
- b- A member of the Epsom Historical Association.
- c- A member of the Epsom Library Trustees.
- d- A citizen member familiar with historical structures or knowledge of the Epsom history.
- e- A member of the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

### 5- Organization and Quorum:

The first meeting of the Committee shall be held at the call of the person named first to the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee shall be an organization meeting where the Committee may elect such officers as it may deem appropriate and proper. The presence of the majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of any regular member, the Chair shall designate an alternate, if any, to participate as a full member. The meetings of the Committee shall be subject to the New Hampshire Right to Know Law. The Board of Selectmen or the appropriate bodies and boards of the town shall provide training which may be afforded by various organizations including the State of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Local Government Center.

# 6- Consultation, Planning and Reports:

The Committee shall from time to time, at its own initiative or at the request of the various boards and bodies having jurisdiction within the Town of Epsom, meet jointly with such boards and bodies in order to solicit input, to provide guidance, and make recommendation to the expending authority in order to obtain the appropriate goals, objectives, and purposes enumerated herein. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the various boards and bodies of the Town of Epsom having proper jurisdiction may designate a person, real or legal, volunteer or compensated to have day to day care of each structure or site placed within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

7- This Charter is adopted under our <u>May</u> , 2009. This Charter may	r hands and seal on this \$\frac{26^{\pmu}}{26^{\pmu}}\$ day of be amended from time to time with due notice
and proper hearing consistent with New Hampshire law.	
Date 5/24/09	Robert Blodgett, Chairman Epsom Board of Selectmen
<u> Arane Randall</u> Date 5/26/09	Joanne Randall, Vice Chair Epsom Board of Selectmen
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