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**BYLAWS
WINNIPESAUKEE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

Article I--- NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Winnepesaukee Republican Committee (“WRC”).

Article II--- PURPOSE

The WRC shall be considered a town or regional committee of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee, with the primary goal of promoting the ideals and principles and conducting activities of the Republican Party within the towns of Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, Wakefield, Brookfield, *Ossipee* and Effingham, Carroll County, New Hampshire (the “WRC Towns”). The WRC shall abide by all applicable State laws, regulations, rules and procedures as directed by the National Republican Party and the State Republican Committee. To the fullest extent possible, the WRC shall act in cooperation with and where applicable, in compliance with the State Republican Committee and the Carroll County Republican Committee. The WRC throughout the selection, nominating process and election of candidates shall explicitly support the principles of the Republican Party. To that end, the primary purpose of the WRC shall be to encourage highly qualified candidates to seek office and to fully support those candidates throughout the process, particularly as it relates to candidates for local office. The WRC shall also support, to the fullest extent possible all duly nominated Republican candidates for County, State and National office.

Article III--- MEMBERSHIP

Any permanent or seasonal resident registered to vote as a Republican in one of the WRC Towns shall be deemed qualified for full membership in the WRC. Members shall be enrolled upon payment of dues and submission of a completed and signed membership application form. Associate members are also welcome, including undeclared voters who support the principles of the Republican Party and wish to take an active role in the activities of the committee. Members are also encouraged to bring guests to meetings.

ARTICLE IV--- PAYMENT OF DUES

The cost of annual membership dues shall be determined at the first meeting each year, and dues shall be payable as of the 1st day of the month following such meeting. Members whose dues are in arrears for more than 30 days shall be notified of such at the commencement of meetings. A member whose annual dues remain in arrears shall forfeit his or her voting privileges until such time as their annual dues are no longer in arrears.

Article V--- OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE / EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers of the WRC shall consist of the Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, each to be elected by majority vote of the committee. The four

elected officers, together with a fifth member chosen by the Committee, shall constitute the executive committee. The executive committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, or at the request of at least three members of the executive committee, and three members shall constitute a quorum ***whether meeting in person, by means of telephone or electronic communication, or in any other manner such that all participating members are able to communicate with each other contemporaneously***. All questions put to the executive committee shall require three votes to decide the question. Minutes of all executive committee meetings shall be kept and made available to the WRC at the next scheduled meeting. Terms of office shall be for a period of two years, or until a successor is elected. Scheduled elections of officers shall take place at the February meeting each odd numbered year. All members of the executive committee are encouraged to familiarize themselves with State RSA 664, Political Expenditures and Contributions. In particular paragraph 664: 2 Definitions and 664: 6 Reporting by Political Committees.

1. Committee Chairman.

The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the WRC; shall preside over all meetings of the committee and executive committee; shall preserve order and decorum at all times; shall address and decide all points of order, subject to appeal as described in Robert's Rules of Order. Any decision required, not specifically addressed by these bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order shall be deemed to be within the purview, scope, entitlement, qualification, privilege and authority of the chairman. Any member may move to challenge a ruling of the chair, if said ruling is deemed to be contrary to these bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order. Challenges shall be non-debatable motions and immediately voted on. A majority of members present and voting when the question is put shall be required to overturn a ruling of the chair. The chair shall ensure that complete and timely records are maintained and that all applicable reports are forwarded on a timely basis to the State of New Hampshire and, as required, to the State and Carroll County Republican Committees.

2. Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall assist the chairman in the performance of his/her duties and in his/her temporary absence shall preside over meetings; In the event of incapacitation or resignation of the chairman, shall assume the duties of chairman; for the remainder of the current term. ~~The Vice Chairman shall serve as information officer, disseminating Committee news releases and overseeing Committee social media activities.~~

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall serve as administrative officer of the WRC and shall be familiar with the applicable requirements of RSA 664:6; shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the committee and executive committee; shall be the sole custodian of all WRC permanent records, other than those that are financial in nature; shall maintain a roster of all members and associate members, to include names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses; shall ensure, all applicants for membership have filled out a proper application form and are eligible for full membership or associate membership. Application forms shall be maintained indefinitely; shall collate the member roster and the monthly reports of the treasurer to ensure the membership in good standing roster is up to date and available prior to each monthly or special meeting, thereby ensuring only those members privileged to do so, participate in voting.

4. Treasurer

The treasurer shall be familiar with RSA 644:2 Definitions and 664:6 Reports Required. The treasurer shall be responsible for the custody of all funds of the WRC, to keep a full and accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, to deposit same in the name of the WRC in a recognized bank or credit union, to disburse said funds as may be directed by the executive committee or vote of the WRC and upon request, sign all checks, drafts and orders for payment of money. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to maintain a roster of members whose dues are not in arrears, as well as those whose dues are in arrears. Claims for reimbursement of funds must be submitted to the treasurer in writing, accompanied by relative receipts. Once submitted the treasurer shall make recommendations to the WRC relative to each claim and shall make payments only after approval by the committee or executive committee. Claims for reimbursement, not submitted within 60 days of the date of expenditure, will not be considered for reimbursement.

5. Vacancies in Office

Vacancies in the chairman or vice chairman shall be filled by vote of the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All others will be filled on a temporary basis by the chairman immediately upon learning of a vacancy. Such temporary officer shall serve until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the WRC, at which time the vacancy shall be filled, for the remainder of the original term of office, by election.

ARTICLE VI--- RECALL OF OFFICERS

Any officer of the executive committee may be recalled. The following procedures shall be followed. Upon receipt, by the executive committee, of a written request to recall an officer, signed by one or more members of the committee in good standing, such action shall immediately be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting; unless a special meeting is called in accordance with article VII. At least one week prior to said meeting, all members of the WRC shall be notified of the pending action. A simple majority of those present and voting is required to recall an officer.

ARTICLE VII---COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There shall be at least four regular meetings of the Committee held each year. Meetings may be called by the chairman on his own initiative or upon the written request of twenty-five percent of the members of the committee. Notice of all meetings shall be given at least five days before the meeting to each member by email, and, for meetings where officers are to be elected, by publication in the newspaper or posting in town offices. Special meetings may be called by the committee chairman, a majority of the executive committee, or upon written request of no less than 25% of the voting membership. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct official committee business at any regular or special meeting of the committee. The presence of ten (10) voting members, or four members of the Executive Committee shall be considered a quorum. During meetings of the committee, all members of the committee shall at all times treat committee members and officers with respect and appropriate decorum.

ARTICLE VIII--- RULES

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings in all meetings and events of the WRC.

ARTICLE IX---VOTING

Voting privileges shall be afforded to all members in good standing. Associate members shall not be afforded voting privileges. In parallel with the bylaws of the state, and County Republican Committees, the WRC recognizes the axiom one person, one vote, and the individual voting must be present when the question is put. All votes of the WRC shall be decided by a simple majority except to amend the bylaws, which requires a 2/3 vote of those present and voting. When more than two members are vying for the same elected office, the following procedure will be utilized to determine the winner. After each vote, and until only two candidates remain, the individual receiving the lowest total vote count of those present and voting, shall be dropped from further consideration.

ARTICLE X---COMMITTEES

Following officer elections, or whenever a new treasurer is elected, the chairman shall appoint an audit committee to audit the financial records of the WRC. The audit will cover the time period beginning with the date of the last approved audit. The audit committee shall also ensure that all applicable reports have been submitted during the

time period covered by the audit. Additional committees or sub-committees may be established as deemed necessary and appropriate.

ARTICLE XI---PROHIBITIONS

The WRC shall not endorse candidates during a primary election cycle. However, members shall not be restricted, in any way, from working on behalf of the candidate(s) of their choice. No member may serve as an officer of the committee who publicly supports a candidate from another party in a partisan election. Unforgiving, harsh or vitriolic criticism of a sitting Republican elected official or one engaged in a primary or general election campaign may be considered grounds for recall of a WRC officer.

ARTICLE XII---AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by presenting the proposed amendment(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting of the WRC. The proposed amendment(s) shall be presented in written or electronic format to the committee. A vote to amend the bylaws will be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee. During the interim period, all members will be notified of the pending action, no later than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. A Two third (2/3) vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption of an amendment to these bylaws.