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Article I

A. Authority

The Merrimack Republican Town Committee (hereinafter MRTC) is organized under the Authority of the National, New Hampshire State and Hillsborough County Republican Committees.

B. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Merrimack Republican Town Committee shall be to enhance the wellbeing of our community, state, and nation through the formulation of, and advocacy for, Republican principles, policies, positions, and candidates, both within our community and through our affiliation with Republican County, State and National Party Committees. The MRTC endeavors to:

- Represent opinions and concerns of Merrimack Republicans to State and National representatives and candidates as a means of promoting government policies;
- Formulate and provide grassroots input to State and National Party Platforms, and will promote and advocate those platforms once they are formalized;
- Conduct fundraising activities to support local Republican candidates in general elections, and pay MRTC expenses;
- Offer local coordination and support to Republican candidates in general elections;
- Host Republican officials and candidates who visit Merrimack;
- Recruit Republican candidates for state and local offices from among those who support the State Republican Party Platform;
- Maintain local Republican voter and membership lists;
- Provide regular updates to Merrimack Republican on political issues and events;
- Encourage networking to promote strong contacts and volunteerism among town Republicans; and
- Keep Republican principles and policies before the local community through press releases, speaking opportunities, public forums, and promotion of MRTC activities

(Removal of Ballot Inspector approved at April 23, 2012 meeting)

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Article II

A. Composition

The Merrimack Republican Town Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Deputy Secretary and such other officers as the members may choose to identify. In order to qualify for membership, a person must be a **registered Republican**, reside in the Town of Merrimack, attend a meeting of the MRTC, and be recognized by the MRTC as a current dues paying member (hereinafter “member”). The MRTC shall maintain a list of all members in good standing.
(Addition approved of Deputy Secretary at September 23, 2019 meeting)

B. Duties

The MRTC shall in cooperation with the State and County Republican Committees have the duty to manage the affairs of the Republican Party with the Town of Merrimack, to direct the general policy and campaign activities of the party organization, to perform all duties required of it by law or custom, and which may include, but are not limited to, those functions described in Article I of this document.

C. Meetings

At least one Regular Meeting of the MRTC shall be held prior to May 1st of each year. Dues for a twelve-month membership are due on or before the first Regular Meeting. If no meeting is held prior to that date, it shall be the duty of the Hillsborough County Committee Chairperson to establish a date and place for such a meeting. Other meetings may be called at the initiative of the MRTC Chairperson, or upon the written request of 25% of the MRTC membership. Notice of any meeting shall be provided to each member at least five days before the date of the meeting. In addition, for any meeting where election of officers is scheduled to take place, notice of the meeting and its purpose shall be published.

D. Quorum

Twenty percent of the total membership of the committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.
(Addition approved at April 23, 2012 meeting)

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Article III

A. Officers

The officers shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other officers as the members may choose to identify (collectively known as the “Executive Committee”). The same person may hold the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. The Executive Committee has the authority to purpose the amount for annual dues and present the amount for annual dues to the majority of the Committee for their approval.

1. Chairperson

The Chairperson is the chief executive officer of the MRTC. As such it is the responsibility of the Chairperson to ensure that the duties and activities of the MRTC, as defined in these bylaws are accomplished. The Chairperson may provide an annual report of MRTC activities to the State Committee and appoint subcommittees as defined as appropriate, including nominating and audit committees.

2. Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities identified in these bylaws, shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and may accomplish other tasks as requested by the Chairperson. *(Approved at April 23, 2019 meeting)*

3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall record the amount and source of all funds received by the MRTC, shall maintain proper books of account for all funds received and disbursed, and shall disburse funds only with consent of the majority of members in attendance or by the discretion of the full Executive Committee. The saved monies of the MRTC shall be kept in a checking account. There shall be an annual audit of the books. An audit shall take place whenever the office of Treasurer and or Chairperson is transferred from one member to another or whenever requested by the Chairperson or a majority vote by those members in attendance at a properly convened business meeting.

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4. Secretary

The secretary shall prepare minutes for all MRTC meetings and shall be the custodian of all permanent books and records of the MRTC and may accomplish other tasks as requested by the Chairperson

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5. Deputy Secretary

The Deputy Secretary shall be responsible for all duties of the Secretary in his/her absence.
(Addition approved at September 23, 2019 meeting)

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6. Communications Coordinator

The Communications Coordinator shall be the MRTC's liaison to the community issuing press releases and meeting announcements to local newspapers and cable channels etc., upon approval of the Chair and one other Executive Committee Member. The Communications Coordinator shall only need the approval of the Chair to send announcements and all other communications via MRTC websites, the NH GOP website and all forms of interactive electronic media.
(Change approved at June 20, 2011 meeting)

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7. Past Chairperson

The immediate past Chairperson shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
(Addition approved at April 18, 2011 meeting)

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B. Elections

Officers shall be elected at the Regular Meeting on odd numbered years. Candidates for an officer position must be a MRTC member in good standing and have their nomination seconded by a MRTC member in good standing. In the event there are more than 2 candidates, a majority of these present and voting shall decide an election. Each MRTC dues paying member shall have one vote.

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C. Vacancies

The Chairperson shall fill vacancies on a temporary basis within 30 days of occurrence. Such temporary officers shall serve until the next Regular meeting, when the office shall be filled by election. Should a vacancy not be filled within 30 days of occurrence, the County or State Chairpersons shall have authority to fill the vacancy until next Regular Meeting. The Chairperson may grant reasonable leaves of absences and appoint temporary replacements.

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D: Disqualification and Removal

No One may serve as an officer of the MRTC who openly and publicly supports a candidate from another party in preference to a Republican in a partisan election or does not meet the criteria for membership infra Article II, Section A. Officers may be removed from office by written petition of the majority of members to the Chair of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee. Upon three unexcused, consecutive absences from MRTC meetings, the majority of members in attendance may elect to remove the officer. *(Removal of officers approved at April 23, 2012 meeting)*

E. Primary Neutrality

The MRTC shall maintain strict neutrality in all primary elections. This shall not prevent any member, with the exception of the Chairperson, from supporting a preferred candidate as an individual. *(Amended at April 23, 2012 meeting)*

Article IV

A: Amendments

A member of the Town Committee may submit amendments to the bylaws at any time to the MRTC officers. MRTC members in attendance will vote on the bylaw change at the annual Regular Meeting.

Adopted by MRTC members in attendance on June 11, 2003 and are effective immediately.

Amended June 1, 2005

Amended April 18, 2011

Amended June 20, 2011

Amended April 23, 2012

Amended September 23, 2019