

BYLAWS
FIRE ISLAND YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION. INC.

(Revision Adopted November 2000)

Article One
ASSOCIATION

The name of this association shall be the Fire Island Year-Round Residents Association, Inc. Hereafter referred to as "Association".

Article Two
PURPOSE

1. To preserve and protect the traditional lifestyle of those who live on Fire Island year-round.
2. To foster and promote the interests of the members of the Association and their families.
3. To provide opportunity for fellowship, social interaction and recreation for the members of the Association.
4. To aid and assist members of the Association whenever possible and appropriate.
5. To preserve and protect the natural environment of Fire Island.
6. To cooperate with other organizations when that cooperation helps the Association.

Article Three
MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be composed of year-round dues paying residents of Fire Island.

1. A year-round resident is one whose primary domicile and residence is on Fire Island for twelve months each year except for brief and infrequent absences, whose application for membership has been approved by the Board of Directors, who has paid dues and been entered in the membership roster as a voting member.
2. Associate non-voting membership is open to all persons and any organizations who wish to contribute to the benefit of the Association.
3. Members shall forfeit membership rights and privileges for:
 - a) non-payment of dues
 - b) conduct detrimental to the Association, as adjudicated by the Board of Directors at a special meeting. The candidate for expulsion shall be notified in writing about the charges, the time and place of the meeting and shall there be given the opportunity to refute the charges. If the Board of Directors determines that expulsion is in order, it will require a majority vote of the voting members at the next Association meeting.

Article Four
MEETINGS

1. The annual membership meeting of the Association shall be held within the first 15 days of November and one in the spring of each and every year.
2. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held at such times as they may be called by the President.
3. The presence of not less than one-third of the eligible voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum and shall

be necessary to conduct the business of the Association which will be held under Roberts Rules of Order.

4. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President when he deems it in the best interest of the Association. Notices of meeting shall be mailed to all members at their addresses as they appear on the membership roll. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting, by whom called and the time and place of the meeting.

5. At the request of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors or ten voting members of the Association, the President shall cause a special meeting to be called. Such request must be made in writing.

6. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting.

Article Five **VOTING**

1. Election of Officers and Directors shall be by secret ballot. All other votes shall be by raising a flag, unless otherwise requested.

2. For secret ballot votes, the President shall appoint three persons to act as Election Inspectors. They shall, at the conclusion of the balloting, certify in writing the election results to the President. This report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the meeting.

3. An Election Inspector cannot be a candidate in the election nor have a personal interest in the question voted upon.

4. Each dues paying voting member of 18 years or older is permitted one vote.

Article Six
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes and agenda
3. Reports:
 - a) Treasurer
 - b) President
 - c) Committees
4. Old and unfinished business
5. New business
6. Adjournment

Article Seven
OFFICERS-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
2. The Officers shall be elected at an annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years. Nominations for the Officers of the Association shall come from the floor by voting members in good standing.

3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors.

- a) He shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- b) He shall present at each annual meeting of the Association an annual report of the work of the Association.
- c) He shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent.
- d) He shall see that all books, reports and certificates as required by law are properly kept or rued.
- e) He shall be one of the officers who is authorized to sign checks or drafts of the Association.

4. The Vice President shall in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office become Acting President of the Association with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been the duly elected president.

5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Association in appropriate books and have the following responsibilities:

- a) File any certificate required by any statute, federal or state.
- b) Shall be the official custodian of the records of the Association.
- c) Shall give and serve all notices to members of the Association.
- d) May be one of the officers authorized to sign the checks and drafts of the Association.
- e) Shall present to the membership, at any meeting, any communication addressed to the Secretary of the Association.
- f) Shall attend to all correspondence of the Association and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

6. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the Association and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities. He shall cause monies to be deposited in a regular business bank or trust company. A portion of the funds of the Association may be deposited in a savings bank except that the Board of Directors may cause such funds to be invested in such investments as shall be legal for a savings bank in the State of New York.

- a) The Treasurer must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the Association. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it.
- b) The Treasurer shall render, at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine, a written account of the finances of the Association and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting.
- c) He shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

Article Eight
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee and Representatives of the Fire Island communities.

2. One representative Director from each Fire Island Community shall be elected at the annual meeting by voting members in good standing living in the community in which the nominee also resides Year-Round. Directors shall serve for a term of two years. Nominations for the Directors of the Association shall come from the floor by voting members in good standing.

3. The Directors:

- a) Shall oversee the business of the Association.
- b) Shall make recommendations to the Islip Town Supervisor or his designee for the appointment of members to the "Fire Island Advisory Board", known as "Board of Commissioners", in the Town of Islip code for Vehicular uses: Fire Island,

Chapter 61-3. These recommendations may come from the membership and shall be in writing and presented to the Chairman of the Advisory Board.

4. Each Director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.
5. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board.
6. Board of Directors meetings are open to members in good standing. They shall have no vote.
7. Board of Directors may convene in executive session.

Article Nine
DISBURSEMENTS

1. Any compensation or expenditure in excess of \$500 must be approved by a majority of the voting members present at a meeting of the Association.
2. No officer or director shall receive from the Association, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation or emolument, either as a director or in any other capacity, unless authorized by two-thirds of all the members.

Article Ten
COMMITTEES

All committees of the Association shall be appointed by the President and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less.

Article Eleven
DUES

1. The dues of the Association will be an amount set by the voting membership from time to time and will be for a year, payable at the annual membership meeting in November.
2. An invoice shall be mailed to all members 60 days prior to the annual meeting.
3. Dues are payable within 30 days from receipt of invoice. Only current members will be able to vote at the annual meeting. If dues are not paid within 30 days, members will be dropped from the membership roll of the Association.
4. New members who sign up at the annual meeting will not be eligible to vote until approval of application at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Article Twelve
AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the Association at any regular meeting, at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose; provided that the proposed alterations, amendments and changes shall have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting and notice then given to member(s) present when the same would be acted upon; and due notice be sent by the Secretary to those member(s) not present. No vote may be taken within ten days from the time members have been notified in writing.