## **BYLAWS OF THE**

# DAVIS TOWN MEETINGHOUSE SOCIETY, INC.

# **Article I. Identification, Purpose and Members**

#### Section 1. Name, Office and Duration.

#### a. Name.

The name of the corporation shall be the Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc. ("Corporation").

#### b. Duration; Not-for-Profit.

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence and shall be incorporated as a not-forprofit charitable corporation within and pursuant to the laws of New York State.

# **Section 2.** Purpose of the Corporation

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#### a. Objects of the Corporation.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future federal law. Such purposes include but are not limited to:

- (1) Making and promoting charitable efforts in concert with the Town of Brookhaven ("TOB") and the TOB Department of Parks and Recreation in the restoration and continued conservancy of the Davis Town Meeting House ("Meeting House") located in Coram, NY. The Meeting House is a publicly owned building and real property, and is a TOB designated official landmark which is included on the National Register of Historic Places.
- (2) Making efforts to decrease the burden and cost of owner ship and development placed upon the TOB and to combat community deterioration, thus benefiting the residents of the TOB.
- (3) Making efforts to increase knowledge of, and promote interest in, all subjects dealing with the Meeting House as it is known today; to promote and encourage historical research; to collect and preserve letters, manuscripts, maps, photographs, paintings,

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books, newspapers, and other documents, relics and antiquities of every kind; to discover, procure and preserve material of all kinds which illustrates Meeting House history; and to engage in kindred purposes of a lawful nature.

### b. Ancillary Acts.

The Corporation shall also do and perform all and everything which may be necessary, advisable or suitable and proper to carry out the purposes of the Corporation and to exercise all implied powers and rights in connection there with which the Corporation may possess. The proceedings of all meetings referenced in these Bylaws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and shall govern where the same is not in conflict with the Bylaws. A decision to dispense with such Rules may be made by the presiding officer at a particular meeting and for any reason. However, formal minutes of the proceedings must still be taken and submitted.

# c. Compliance with Applicable Law

All meetings, notices thereof, acts and procedures in the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation shall be in accordance with applicable law.

### Section 3. Members.

### a. Member Qualifications.

The Corporation shall have members. There are no restrictions on eligibility for membership.

## b. Membership Levels and Dues.

Membership and dues/contribution levels for each level shall be as follows:

- (1) Active Member: Shall be a Member who pays dues of \$20.00 per year per single individual; \$25.00 per family; \$15.00 per year per individual for students and seniors (age 65 or higher); and \$20.00 per year per senior family.
- (2) Life Member: Any person who makes a one-time contribution of \$100.00 or greater and shall have lifetime voting and other rights of an Active Member.
- (3) Patron Member: Any person who makes a one-time contribution of \$300 or more. Such Member shall also be considered to be a paid-up Life Member.
- (4) Benefactor Member: Any person who makes a one-time contribution of \$500.00 or more. Such Member shall also be considered to be a paid-up Life Member.
- (5) Honorary Member: Any person who, in recognition or achievements or of valuable service rendered to the Corporation may be elected an Honorary Member by a two-