

# CHELMSFORD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, INC.

## CONSTITUTION

### Article One

#### Name

1. The name of this Corporation shall be Chelmsford Friends of the Library, Inc.

#### Purpose

2. The purposes of this Corporation are as follows:
  - a. To enhance the effectiveness of the Chelmsford Public Library System by providing support of both a financial and volunteer nature;
  - b. To promote, sponsor, and carry out educational and public service purposes and objectives so as to encourage citizen interest and participation in the Chelmsford Public Library System.

### Article Two

#### Membership

Membership in this Corporation is open to any individuals, corporations, or organizations who share in the purposes of the organization, upon payment of the appropriate dues.

### Article Three

#### Governance

1. An Executive Board shall govern this Corporation.
2. Officers of this Corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
3. The Executive Board of this Corporation shall consist of the elected Officers, Chair people of the Standing Committees, the Chairperson of the Chelmsford Public Library Board of Trustees or a designated representative (Non Voting), and the Library Director (Non Voting).

#### Vacancies

4. The Executive Board may appoint any member of the organization to fill any Officer vacancy until the next regular election, by a majority of a show of hands vote at an Executive Board meeting which is a regular meeting or a special meeting for that purpose.

#### Terms of Office

5. Officers of the Corporation shall serve for two years.

## Compensation

6. No Board member shall receive remuneration for service on the Board. When authorized by the Board, reimbursement may be made for travel and other out of pocket expenses incurred while performing official duties.
7. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, official, or individual, and no part of its activities shall involve attempts to influence legislation, to carry on propaganda, or to intervene in a political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office and any election filed pursuant thereto except as allowed within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Article Four

### Annual Meeting

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Chelmsford Friends of the Library, Inc.

### Board Meeting

2. There shall be meetings of the Executive Board on a regular basis, as the President and other Officers see a necessity.

## Article Five

### Amendments

1. This Constitution and its By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose with a show of hands majority vote of those members present. Notice of changes will be presented to members at the meeting prior to the meeting during which the changes will be voted on.

## Article Six

This Constitution will take effect immediately upon ratification by a show of hands majority vote of those members present.

## Article Seven

### Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Chelmsford Friends of the Library, Inc., the assets shall be applied and distributed as follows: after payment of financial obligations all remaining assets shall be transferred or conveyed to the Chelmsford Public Library Board of Trustees to be used solely for the support of the Library.