

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108-1512

## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION (General Laws, Chapter 180)

### ARTICLE I

The exact name of the corporation is:

Friends of Myles Standish State Forest, Inc.

### ARTICLE II

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in the following activities:

Section 1 - The purposes of Friends of Myles Standish State Forest, Inc. are as follows:  
The Corporation is organized to promote and conserve the natural, scenic and historical resources of Myles Standish State Forest and its Satellite Areas; to foster the use and enjoyment of Myles Standish State Forest by the public in a manner consonant with the protection and preservation of the environment; to engage in such educational, scientific and charitable activities as will assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the operation of Myles Standish State Forest; and to assist and work in cooperation with the Forest Supervisor in general support and enrichment of Myles Standish State Forest, and generally to do any and all things in furtherance of the foregoing purpose. To accomplish these purposes, the Corporation may solicit, receive and borrow, with or without security, real and personal property, including funds, by way of gifts, contributions and subscriptions, and administer, hold, convey, transfer, disburse, lend and sell the same for such charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as are permitted by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States as it now exists and as hereafter amended.

Section 2 - Further purposes shall be:

a) This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes; including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, board of directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as permitted under the Internal Revenue Code as amended, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall carry on only such activities as are permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

C   
P   
M   
R.A.

Note: If the space provided under any article or item on this form is insufficient, additions shall be set forth on one side only of separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper with a left margin of at least 1 inch. Additions to more than one article may be

### **ARTICLE III**

A corporation may have one or more classes of members. If it does, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointments, the duration of membership and the qualification and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, may be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation or may be set forth below:

May be set forth in the by-laws.

### **ARTICLE IV**

\*\*Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:

Please see Attachment, Article IV - Other Lawful Provisions

### **ARTICLE V**

The by-laws of the corporation have been duly adopted and the initial directors, president, treasurer and clerk or other presiding, financial or recording officers, whose names are set out on the following page, have been duly elected.

*\*\*If there are no provisions, state "None".*

*Note: The preceding four (4) articles are considered to be permanent and may only be changed by filing appropriate Articles of Amendment.*

## **Friends of Myles Standish State Forest, Inc.**

### **Articles of Organization**

#### **Article IV – Other Lawful Provisions**

##### **A. Tax-Exempt Provisions**

1. This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes; including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. No part of the assets of the corporation and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II.
3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as permitted under the Internal Revenue Code as amended, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall carry on only such activities as are permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Internal Revenue Code Section 501(h) (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
4. Except as may be otherwise required or permitted by law, the corporation may at any time authorize a petition for its dissolution to be filed with the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Section 11A of Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors of the corporation then in office; provided, however, that in the event of any liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of the corporation (whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law), the property or assets of the corporation remaining after providing for the payment of its debts and obligations shall be conveyed, transferred, distributed, and set over outright to one or more educational, charitable, religious or literary institutions or organizations, created and organized for non-profit purposes similar to those of the corporation, contributions to which non-profit institutions or organizations are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Code and which qualify as exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of such Code as such sections may, from time to time, be amended or added to or under any successor sections thereto, as a majority of the total number of the directors of the corporation may by vote designate and in such proportions and in such manner as may be determined in such vote; provided, further, that the corporation's property may be applied to charitable, religious, literary or education purposes in accordance with the doctrine of *cy pres* in all respects as a court having jurisdiction in the premises may direct.

##### **B. Other Lawful Provisions**

1. The corporation shall have the following powers in furtherance of its corporate purposes:

- (a) The corporation shall have perpetual succession in its corporate name.
- (b) The corporation may be sued.
- (c) The corporation may have a corporate seal which it may alter at its pleasure.
- (d) The corporation may elect or appoint directors, officers, employees and other agents, fix their compensation and define their duties and obligations.
- (e) The corporation may purchase, receive or take by grant, gift devise, bequest or otherwise, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise deal in and with, real or personal property, or any other interest therein, wherever situated, in an unlimited amount.
- (f) The corporation may solicit and receive contributions from any and all sources and may receive and hold, in trust or otherwise, funds received by gift or bequest.
- (g) The corporation may sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or mortgage, pledge, encumber or create a security interest in all, or any or its property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- (h) The corporation may purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, employ, sell, lend, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, mortgage, pledge, use and otherwise deal in and with, bonds and other obligations, shares, or other securities or interest issued by others, whether engaged in similar or different business, governmental, or other activities.
- (i) The corporation may make contracts, give guarantees in furtherance of its corporate purposes and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage, pledge or encumbrance of, or security interest in, all or any of its property or any interest herein, wherever situated.
- (j) The corporation may lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- (k) The corporation may do business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, in any jurisdiction within or without the United States, although the corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on for profit a trade or business unrelated to its tax exempt purposes.
- (l) The corporation may pay pensions, establish and carry out pensions, savings, thrift and other retirement and benefit plans, trusts and provisions for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.
- (m) The corporation may make donations in such amounts as the members or directors shall determine, irrespective of corporate benefit, for the public welfare or for community fund, hospital, charitable, religious, educational, scientific, civic, or similar purposes, and in time of war or other national emergency in aid thereof provided that, as long as the corporation is entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, it shall make no contribution for other than religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.
- (n) The corporation may be an incorporator of other corporations of any type or kind.

(o) The corporation may be a partner in any enterprise which it would have power to conduct by itself.

(p) The directors may make, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part, except with respect to any provision thereof which by law of by its by-laws requires action by the members.

(q) Meeting of the members may be held anywhere in the United States

(r) The corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible and only to the extent that the status of the corporation as an organization exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is not affected thereby, indemnify each of its directors, officers, employees and other agents (including persons who serve at its request as directors, officers, employees and other agents of another organization in which it has an interest) against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees, reasonable incurred by him in connection with the defense of disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which he may be involved or with which he may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of his being or having been such a director, officer, employee or agent, except with respect to any matter as to which he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interest of the corporation; provided, however, that as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by such director, officer, employee or agent, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved as in the best interests of the corporation, after notice that it involves such indemnification (1) by a disinterested majority of the directors then in office; (2) by a majority of the disinterested directors then in office, provided that there has been obtained an opinion in writing of independent legal counsel to the effect that such director, officer, employee or agent appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interest of the corporation; or (3) by a majority of the disinterested members entitled to vote, voting as a single class. Expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by any such director, officer, employee or agent in connection with the defense or disposition of any such action, suit or other proceeding, may be paid from time to time by the corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking by such individual to repay the amounts so paid to the corporation if he shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 6. The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive of or affect any other rights to which any director, officer, employee or agent may be entitled. Nothing contained herein shall affect any rights to indemnification to which corporate personnel may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law. As used in this paragraph, the terms "directors", "officers", "employees", and "agents" include their respective heirs, executors and administrators, and an "interested director" is one against whom in such capacity the proceeding in question or another proceeding on the same or similar grounds is then pending.

(s) No person shall be disqualified from holding office by reason of any interest. In the absence of fraud, any director, officer, or member of this corporation individually, or any individual having any interest in any concern in which any such directors, officers, members, or individuals have any interest, may be a part to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction, or other act of this corporation, and

(i) such contract, transaction, or act shall not be in any way invalidated or otherwise affected by that fact;

(ii) no such director, officer, member, or individual shall be liable to account to this corporation for any profit or benefit realized through any such contract, transaction, or act; and

(iii) any such director of this corporation may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the directors or of any committee thereof which shall authorize any such contract, transaction, or act, and may vote to authorize the same;

the term "interest" including personal interest and interest as a director, officer, stockholder, shareholder, trustee, member, or beneficiary of any concern; the term "concern" meaning any corporation, association, trust, partnership, firm, person, or other entity other than this corporation.

(t) The corporation shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is formed; provided that no such power shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180 or any other chapter of the General laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and provided, further, that the corporation shall not engage in any activity or exercise any power which would deprive it of any exemption from federal income tax which the corporation may receive under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(u) All references herein: (1) to the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or hereafter amended; (2) to the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any chapter thereof, shall be deemed to refer to said General Laws or chapter as now in force or hereafter amended; and (3) to particular sections of the Internal Revenue Code or the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be deemed to refer to similar or successor provisions hereafter adopted.

**ARTICLE VI**

The effective date of organization of the corporation shall be the date approved and filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. If a later effective date is desired, specify such date which shall not be more than *thirty days* after the date of filing.

**ARTICLE VII**

The information contained in Article VII is not a permanent part of the Articles of Organization.

a. The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the principal office of the corporation in Massachusetts is:

Myles Standish State Forest Headquarters, Cranberry Road, South Carver, Massachusetts 02366

b. The name, residential address and post office address of each director and officer of the corporation is as follows:

	NAME	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
President:	Sharl Heller	225 Valley Road, Plymouth, MA 02360	same as RA
Treasurer:	Robert E. Bentley	60 Wenham Road, Carver, MA 02330	60 Wenham Road, Carver. MA 02330
Clerk:	Pam Crowell	125 Highland St., Taunton, MA 02780	same as RA
Directors: (or officers having the powers of directors)	Tim Scholz	8 Stuart Rd., Rochester, MA 02770	8 Stuart Road, Rochester, MA 02770

c. The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on the last day of the month of: December

d. The name and business address of the resident agent, if any, of the corporation is:

**Sharl Heller, President, 225 Valley Road, Plymouth, MA 02360**

I/We, the below signed incorporator(s), do hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I/we have not been convicted of any crimes relating to alcohol or gaming within the past ten years. I/We do hereby further certify that to the best of my/our knowledge the above-named officers have not been similarly convicted. If so convicted, explain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF AND UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I/we, whose signature(s) appear below as incorporator(s) and whose name(s) and business or residential address(es) are clearly typed or printed beneath each signature, do hereby associate with the intention of forming this corporation under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 180 and do hereby sign these Articles of Organization as incorporator(s) this 16 day of June, 20 07,

Sharl Heller 225 Valley Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

Robert E. Bentley 60 Wenham Rd., Carver, MA 02330

Tim Scholz 8 Stuart Rd., Rochester, MA 02770

Pam Crowell 125 Highland St., Taunton, MA 02780

Note: If an existing corporation is acting as incorporator, type in the exact name of the corporation, the state or other jurisdiction where it was incorporated, the name of the person signing on behalf of said corporation and the title he/she holds or other authority by which such action is taken.

1001.

RECEIVED

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 26 2007

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

(General Laws, Chapter 180)

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
CORPORATIONS DIVISION

1031342

I hereby certify that, upon examination of these Articles of Organization, duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws relative to the organization of corporations have been complied with, and I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee in the amount of \$ 30 having been paid, said articles are deemed to have been filed with me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 20 07.

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

TO BE FILLED IN BY CORPORATION

Contact information:

Shari Heller \_\_\_\_\_

225 Valley Road \_\_\_\_\_

Plymouth, MA 02360 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (617) 868-2565 \_\_\_\_\_

Email: sheller@comcast.net \_\_\_\_\_

A copy this filing will be available on-line at [www.state.ma.us/sec/cor](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/cor) once the document is filed.