

The Afton Historical Society
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

NAME

The official name of this organization shall be: The Afton Historical Society.

Its principal place of business shall be its Museum in Afton, New York.

MISSION

The mission of the Afton Historical Society shall be to:

- collect and preserve a collection which illustrates the history of Afton and its people
- maintain a permanent Museum where this collection will be accessible to all interested persons
- collect, preserve, and publish any material and knowledge about the history of Afton, and to educate the public in this history
- promote historical endeavors locally and with other groups
- preserve for future generations a record of Afton's past

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the history of the Town and Village of Afton, New York.

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Members in June. An announcement of the meeting shall be placed in the Tri-Town News for the two weeks prior to the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of up to seven (7) directors elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting. Directors shall be elected for three year terms.

OFFICERS

The Officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Museum Curator, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the Annual Meeting. The Membership shall elect all officers annually for a term of one year by a two-thirds vote of its

members present at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

In the case of vacancies, the Nominating Committee shall present nominations at the current or next meeting, or the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the President until the next election. In case such a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall automatically become President and at the next Annual Meeting or special meeting of the Society, the members shall elect a new Vice President by majority vote of a quorum.

FINANCES

The Afton Historical Society shall be a non-profit corporation. The Society shall obtain funds through membership dues, government support, donations, grants, and fund raising events. Funds shall be deposited only in FDIC insured banking institutions.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended at any regular monthly meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of those present. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and read and discussed at two meetings before being voted upon. All members are to be notified in writing that an amendment is being voted upon.

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, The Afton Historical Society's collections shall be donated to the Chenango County Museum. Dissolution shall require a three-fourths vote of members present at a regular monthly meeting, the written proposal having been discussed at two meetings before being voted upon. All members are to be notified in writing that dissolution is being considered and voted upon. Remaining assets, after all debts are paid, will remain in the community as the law allows.