

**Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc.**

**BY-LAWS OF SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

These By-Laws are effective December 10, 2024, and reflect changes and consolidation of existing By-Laws.

**Article I NAME**

The name of this Association shall be known as the Shaker Pines Lake Association, Incorporated.

**Article II CHARTER**

All requirements specified in the provisions of House Bill Number 530 and any subsequent amendments to that House Bill (“the Charter”) will apply.

**Article III OBJECT**

The object of said association is to provide for the improvement of land and water for the health, comfort, protection, and convenience of the persons living within the territory described in section two (2) Limits and Territory of Association of the Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc. Charter.

**Article IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There shall be an Executive Board (“the Board”) consisting of (9) members, four (4) of whom shall be elected even years and five (5) on odd years for the term of two (2) years from the first Monday following their election and until their successors shall be elected and shall have qualified.

If for any reason it is necessary to replace a member between elections, the Board shall by majority vote of the remaining members appoint a person to fill out the unexpired term of that member.

Members of the Board are expected to attend every monthly or specially called meeting. If a member cannot attend, a call should be made to the Clerk or a Board Officer. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings shall be grounds for expulsion.

Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Said Officers of the Board shall serve without compensation except they shall be paid their actual expenses in the performance of their duties.

The Board shall meet the first Tuesday of each calendar month as a governing board for the Association. It shall have the care, custody and management of all funds and property of the Association. The monthly meetings shall be to execute, transact and process any matter of business empowered to them by said Charter.

## **Article V ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS**

### **A. Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on a Saturday in June by order of the Board each year at two (2:00) in the afternoon at such a place as may be designated by the President and the Board of Directors. Voting will commence at the end of the meeting and close at five (5:00) in the afternoon.

### **B. Special Meetings**

The Special Meetings of the Association may be held for reasons to transact business that requires vote of the Association by order of the Board.

### **C. Notices**

Notices of the Annual and of all Special meetings of the Association shall be signed by the President or by the Vice President and by two other members of the Executive Board and shall be given by mail. Written notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be mailed (in the Hartford County) and addressed to each member of said Association at his/her last known mailing address at least seven (7) business day before the time appointed.

### **D. Quorum**

Twelve (12) Members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting of the Association.

### **E. Voting**

Each member of the Association of the age of eighteen (18) or over, not otherwise prohibited by law from voting, so long as he or she shall continue to own real estate in said territory, shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of said Association and shall be eligible to any office therein. Any Member of the Association may appoint an agent to vote in the meetings by a signed proxy. This proxy will be in effect for the meeting specified and for no other time. Each voter must show an appropriate identification to verify his or her status as a property owner.

## **Article VI TAXES**

The Executive Board will propose the tax rate, which will be ratified by a majority vote of the association at the Annual meeting. The tax rate set will apply to members whose property abuts the lake, and not exceeding seventy-five percent of said amount for members whose property does not abut the lake. The current tax rate effective July 1, 2024 is One Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$192.50) for members whose property abuts the lake and One Hundred and Forty-Four Twenty-five and Thirty-eight Cents (\$144.38) for members whose property does not abut the lake.

#### **Article VII FUNDS**

All funds of the Association shall be deposited in a bank located in the State of Connecticut and approved by the Board and withdrawn only be checks signed by two of the following officers: Treasurer, President, Clerk or Vice President [Two (2) signatures are required for all transactions.]

#### **Article VIII BY-LAWS**

The Board shall possess the power to make, alter, amend, repeal, and enforce the By-Laws as per Section 12 of the Charter.

#### **Article IX OFFICERS**

- A. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Clerk, all of whom shall be elected from among the Members of the Board. The Officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are duly qualified to serve.

Elections of officers will take place each year at the first regular meeting of the Executive Board on the Tuesday following the Annual Meeting of the Association.

#### **B. Duties of the Officers**

**President:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all annual or special meetings of the Association and of the Board and to have general supervision over all the affairs of the Association and to be the ex-officio member of all committees.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, act in his or her stead.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the collectors, keep a just account of the same, and pay them out upon vote of the Board. The Treasurer is also to prepare a report of the financial transactions for each monthly meeting of the Board and for the Association members at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall cause the books and records of the Association to be reviewed and reconciled by a Member of the Association identified by the

Board at the end of each fiscal year to commence no later than three (3) months after each fiscal year.

Clerk: The Clerk shall keep a true and just account of all meetings, process all matters of necessary correspondence for the Board and the Corporation and perform other duties as directed by the Charter.

Removal of Officers: The office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Clerk of the Board shall be removed from that person holding said office if deemed necessary by the vote of six (6) members of the Board. Such reason may include misuse of office, dereliction or irresponsibility, chronic disruptions of meetings an any other reason decided on by the voting members.

Said ex-officer shall be notified in writing by a Board Officer of his or her removal and the reason stated for his or her removal. The ex-officer shall remain a Board member but will be excluded from holding office for the remainder of his or her elected term.

#### C. Power to Execute

The Board shall have the full power to execute all contracts, rules, etc. that may be adopted by the Association.

### **Article X COMMITTEES**

The following Standing Committees have been created to accomplish the goals of the Board. They are: Property Committee – responsible for the oversight of property maintenance and enhancements; Lake/Ecology Committee – responsible for the oversight of lake maintenance, enhancements and general monitoring; Communications Committee – responsible for keeping the Association Members informed of activities, informational updates concerning the lake and community. The Board may also approve formation of other committees such as, Activity Committee, etc. Association members can sit on committees however, at least one board member must sit on each committee. The committees are responsible for making recommendations to the board and acting on the Board’s authority.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

As Adopted by the Executive Board of the Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc.

### **Removal of Trees or Other Debris from the Lake**

In the event that a tree, a large limb of a tree or other similar debris falls into the Lake from the property of a Member, the Member shall remove the tree or debris within thirty (30) days. If the Member or his or her contractor does not remove the tree or debris within that time, the Board shall assess a fine, not to exceed \$10 per day, for every day that the tree or debris remains in the Lake beyond the 30-day removal period.

### **Approved Watercraft**

The following State of Connecticut boating regulations apply to the Shaker Pines Lake:

Section 15-121-A1{1} – Speed Limit is “slow-no-wake” which is defined as to produce no more than minimum wake and not exceed 6 miles per hour, unless more speed is required to steer the vessel in a strong current.

Public act 03-244- Do not operate vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Public act 03-136 – It is illegal to transport a vessel in the state (from one body of water to another) without inspecting the vessel for the presence of vegetation and properly removing and disposing of the vegetation.

### **Additional Lake Rules**

No gas powered vehicles are allowed except under the following conditions: Public safety vehicles responding to emergencies or Association members or contractors performing legitimate association sanctioned maintenance work (I.e, for authorized lake treatment).

Swimming is allowed but done at one’s own risk. There are no life guards on duty at any of the Association beaches.

Guests using one of the Association beaches must be accompanied by an Association member unless notification is made to one of the Association Directors.

No anchored floats allowed on the lake.

No hunting within Association limits.

No pets allowed roaming at large. Failure to comply with the Town of Enfield ordinance to clean up after your pets may result in a fine.

No pets allowed in the Memorial Beach area.

No rubbish or debris of any kind is to be thrown into the lake.

Any changes to property abutting the lake must comply with the Town of Enfield Inlands/Wetlands regulations.

No storage of any personal property is allowed on Association property.

No feeding the waterfowl. This includes but is not limited to geese and ducks.

Ice fishing is allowed away from skating areas.

Ice skating is allowed but done at one's own risk.

Revisions adopted by vote of the Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc. Board Members on October 1, 2019 and published notice on SPLA Information Board from October 4, 2019 to October 31, 2019 and SPLA Website from October 4, 2019 to Present.

Revision proposed changing tax rates to those voted on at the Annual Meeting dated June 8, 2024.