

Notice of ARCH Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Association for Rollinsford Culture and History (ARCH) cordially invites all members to our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 7 pm. The business agenda includes receiving reports, the election of officers and board members for the coming year, and voting on two amendments to the bylaws (see below).

Due to health concerns and restrictions on public gatherings, the Annual Meeting will be held virtually. **In order to participate, members must preregister** by sending an email to ARCH at paulwentworthhouse@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, July 14. Members will then be sent instructions on how to log in for the meeting.

Proposed amendments to the By Laws

The Board of Directors has recommended two amendments to the By Laws of the Association for Rollinsford Culture and History (ARCH), to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. Proposed revisions to Article IV: *Officers* and Article VII: *Meetings* are outlined below.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1:

There shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, secretary and treasurer elected by the membership of the Association each year at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2:

The terms of office for officers referred to in Section 1 of this article shall be one year. *Officers may serve up to four consecutive one-year terms in an office and may succeed themselves in that office only after a one year absence.*

Proposed change: In section 2, strike restriction on term limits for officers (sentence in italics above).

Rationale for change: Greater flexibility in filling board officer positions and retaining experienced persons in office.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Rollinsford Culture and History shall be held in June for the election of Officers and Trustees and for receiving reports. Notice of the date, time, and location of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to each member at least 30 days prior to the meeting. *If circumstances do not permit an in-person meeting, the board will make provisions for members of the public to participate using electronic or telephonic means and will include appropriate instructions in the member notice.*

Section 2:

The Board of Trustees shall customarily hold meetings once per month, time and place to be fixed at their convenience. Sixty (60) percent of the Trustees currently on the Board shall constitute a quorum. *Trustees may participate by electronic or telephonic means.*

Proposed changes: Add language in italics to sections 1 and 2 as above.

Rationale for changes: Amendments to the Bylaws of charitable organizations to permit telephonic or remote meetings have been recommended by the Charitable Trusts Division of the NH Attorney General's Office.