

BYLAWS OF THE BURLINGTON SECTION
OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This section shall be known as the Burlington Section of the Green Mountain Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The objectives of the Burlington Section shall be to carry out ongoing maintenance of the Long Trail, its various side trails, and shelters located between U.S. Route 2 and Vermont State Route 108; to engage in activities that raise awareness of the Long Trail system, the Green Mountain Club, and in particular the Burlington Section; to sponsor outings; and to make the Green Mountains play a larger part in the lives of the people.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any person may become a member of this Section upon application to the Green Mountain Club, Inc. (hereafter known as the parent club) specifying a selection of the Burlington Section or to the Burlington Section Membership chair, and the payment of the appropriate dues as specified by the parent club.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 2. The parent club shall set the annual membership dues. Dues are payable to the parent club and a specified percentage of the dues shall be returned to the Burlington Section.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Section who shall be elected at the Burlington Section's annual meeting shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Each officer shall perform the traditional duties of his or her office.

Section 3. If an office becomes vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall elect a successor for the balance of the term.

Section 4. The Section shall elect director(s) to serve on the Board of Directors of the parent club. The number of directors and the length of term of directors shall be determined by the parent club. The director(s) shall represent the Section in relations with the parent club and perform other duties that may be assigned to directors, either by the Section or by the parent club.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the four officers, the Chairs of the standing committees, and any Director(s) of the parent club elected from the Burlington Section not otherwise included. The immediate past president shall serve as a voting member of the executive committee for one year.

Section 2. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President or the Vice President.

Section 3. A quorum shall be one-third of the voting members of the Executive Committee, of whom not fewer than two shall be officers.

Section 4. One vote only will be allowed per standing committee if that committee has more than one chair i.e. co-chairs.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to create any standing committees necessary to carry on the objectives of the Burlington Section. Standing committees may be created by a simple majority of the executive Committee present at a meeting in which a quorum is present. The Executive Committee shall have the authority dissolve any standing committee deemed no longer necessary.

Section 2. In accordance with the bylaws of the parent club, the standing committees shall include committee(s) responsible for trails and shelters. This may function as one joint committee or two separate committees, one for trails and one for shelters.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee shall be selected by the Executive Committee at least four months prior to the next annual meeting. The purpose of the Nominating Committee shall be to select a slate of candidates for the four officers, the director(s) of the parent club when there is a vacancy, and the chairs of the various standing committees. The slate of candidates shall be presented at the annual meeting.

Section 4. The chairs of the standing committees shall be elected at the annual meeting. The chairs of the standing committees may select additional members to serve on their respective committees.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may create ad hoc committees and elect the chairs thereof who may select other members. Such ad hoc committees shall terminate upon completion of the committee's designated task, or at such time as dissolved by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. If a chair becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall elect a successor for the balance of the term.

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held before the end of February of each year. The officers for the ensuing year and the Chairs of the standing committees shall be elected. In addition one Director of the parent club shall be elected at the annual meeting prior to the expiration of the term of the incumbent Director.

Section 2. Notice of this annual meeting shall be given at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may call a special meeting of the membership. Notice of such a meeting shall be given at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. Twelve voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a membership meeting of the section.

ARTICLE IX – BYLAWS OF THE PARENT CLUB

Section 1. The Burlington Section shall abide by the bylaws of the parent club. Any article or section of the Section bylaws that conflicts with the bylaws of the parent club shall be considered void, but all other conforming articles and sections shall remain in effect.

Section 2. The Burlington Section Executive Committee shall take steps to correct non-conforming articles and sections by the next annual meeting after the nonconformity is created or identified.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the voting members present at an annual meeting or special meeting provided that notice of the subject matter of the proposed amendment is given with the notice of the meeting.