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**Mansfield Senior Center**  
**303 Maple Road**  
**Mansfield, Connecticut 06268**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Mansfield Senior Center Association

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

12:45 pm

At the Mansfield Senior & Wellness Center

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes—January 13, 2016
3. Treasurer Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - a. Adoption of Proposed By-laws (Attached)
  - b. Election of Slate of Offices
    - i. Note: Nominations may be made from the floor
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment

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**MANSFIELD SENIOR CENTER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**PROPOSED BYLAWS**  
**September 21, 2016**

**Article I – Name**

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Mansfield Senior Center Association, Inc. referred to in these bylaws as the Association.

**Article II – Purpose**

Section 1. This corporation is formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including but not limited to the promotion of the interests and well-being of the Mansfield Senior Center through activities related to advocacy and fund development as the same are allowed within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

Section 2. Activities may include but are not limited to volunteer action, the sponsoring of special projects, the securing of materials beyond the command of the Mansfield Senior Center budget and the heightening of an awareness of the services of the Mansfield Senior Center.

**Article III – Membership**

Section 1. All persons who are interested in the purpose of this Association and who pay annual dues shall be members of the Association.

**Article IV – Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and at least three additional members-at-large, who together shall constitute the Board of Directors and who shall manage the affairs of the Association in the interval between annual meetings.

Section 2. Each elected member of the Board of Directors shall serve a two-year term. Terms will be staggered. No member may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Section 3. Any Director may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining Directors for failure to act in the best interests of the Association.

Section 4. If an office becomes vacant, a successor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.

Section 5. The Director of Human Services for the Town of Mansfield shall appoint a representative to serve as a non-voting liaison between the Association and the Mansfield Senior Center.

## **Article V – Election of Officers**

Section 1. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve without compensation. Their terms shall begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting and continue until their successors have been elected.

Section 2. A nominating committee, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The nominating committee shall be responsible for the preparation of the slate of officers of the Association due for election at the annual meeting. The slate of officers shall be published at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3. The officers shall have all the usual powers and duties exercised by the officers of a voluntary association.

## **Article VI – Meetings**

Section 1. The Association shall meet annually on a date set by the Board of Directors for purposes of election of officers and transaction of other business. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Notification of the annual meeting shall be posted at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the president. There shall be at least four (4) board meetings per year, one of which shall be the annual meeting. Five (5) of the seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. A special meeting of the Association may be called at any time at the request of any member of the Board of Directors or by a petition of no less than ten (10) members of the Association.

## **Article VII – Committees**

Section 1. The Board of Directors may authorize committees consistent with the purpose and resources of the Association.

## **Article VIII – Funds and Liabilities**

Section 1. All funds shall be deposited to the account of the Mansfield Senior Center Association, Inc. and shall be disbursed by the treasurer and the president both of whose signatures shall appear on checks as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. No member of the Association shall be liable and no personal liability shall in any event be attached to any member of this Association in connection with any of its undertakings.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall be used for the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for any services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. **(continued on following page)**

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No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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 this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be distributed by the Mansfield Senior Center Association Board for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

**Article IX – Other**

Section 1. The bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Association. Notification of proposed changes shall be posted thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this Association.

**PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS  
Mansfield Senior Center Association**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Marie Hakmiller</b>	<b>2 year term</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Joan Doiron</b>	<b>2 year terms</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Rita Braswell</b>	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Marie Patulak</b>	<b>2 year term</b>
<b>Member at Large:</b>	<b>Emile Poirier</b>	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Member at Large:</b>	<b>Joanne Suplicky</b>	<b>2 year term</b>
<b>Member at Large:</b>	<b>Alma Maldonado-Cordner</b>	<b>2 year term</b>

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