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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

(ad) with att. 4/C

FIRST: The name of the corporation is New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, Inc.

SECOND: The period of its duration (if perpetual, so state) perpetual

THIRD: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of operating exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, but not in limitation of the foregoing, promoting throughout New England improvements in turf grass through scientific research, setting the highest standards in the turf grass industry and providing training and advice to individuals and groups concerned with turf grass growth and improvement by promoting turf shows and conferences.

FOURTH: Provisions (if any) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, including provisions for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation, are:

(Note 1)

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FIFTH: The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is.....

112 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840 (add Zip Code),

and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Laurent L. Rousseau

SIXTH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is 9, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

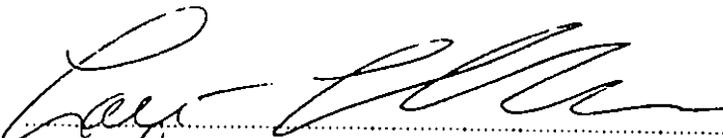
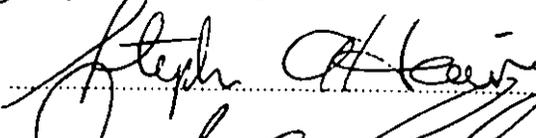
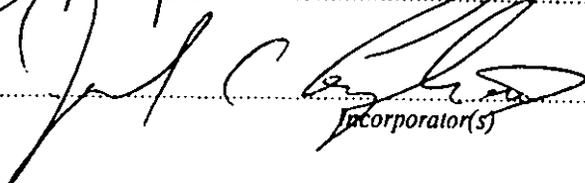
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SEVENTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

Name	Address
Laurent L. Rousseau	112 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840
Stephen A. Haire	112 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840
Jeremiah C. Lynch, III	112 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840

EIGHTH: Date when corporate existence to begin (not more than 30 days after filing of these articles of incorporation): upon filing

Dated July 5, 19 96

  
  
  
 Incorporator(s)

NOTE: 1. If no provision for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation or for the distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation are to be set forth, insert "None." In an appropriate case provisions relating to members, their qualifications and rights (Section 7-6-15) may be inserted here.

New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation

SIXTH: Names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Gary L. Sykes	371 Union Street, Portsmouth, RI 02871
Jim Conant	606 River Road, Marstons Mills, MA 02648
Ed Brearley	189 Matfield St., W. Bridgewater, MA 02379
Phil Neaton	50 Butterball Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371
Jim Hodge	332 Greely Road, Cumberland, ME 04021
Tom Kimball	51 Kimball Road, Londonderry, NH 03053
Kenneth Lollier	P.O. Box 337, Hartford, VT 05047
Jim Connelly	1620 Sudbury Road, Concord, MA 01742
Jim Berardo	41 Society Road, Niantic, CT 06857



**Chairman**

Gary J. Sykes  
*Green Valley Country Club*

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Michael V. Iacono, CGCS  
*Pine Brook Country Club*

Dr. Noel Jackson  
*University of Rhode Island*

John Lensing  
*Turf Specialty, Inc.*

Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., CGCS  
*Links Counselor*

William R. Morton, CGCS  
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Mark A. Richard, CGCS  
*Kirkbrae Country Club*

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*University of Rhode Island*

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*Lofts Seed, Inc.*

Michael S. Kroian, Jr.  
*Pro-Lawn Products*

Philip Neaton  
*Black Hall Club*

Anthony Grosso  
*Paulpsaug Country Club*

Arthur de Atienza  
*P.L.E. Supply Co.*

John Streeter, CGCS  
*Woodbridge Country Club*

**Show Director**

David D. Rosenberg  
*Marketing & Events, Inc*

July 26, 1996

Mr. James R. Langevin  
Secretary of State  
State of Rhode Island  
100 North Main Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Langevin,

I currently represent the Rhode Island Turfgrass Foundation as Chairman and President. We have been made aware of your concerns regarding the similarities of name, and of the request for incorporation by the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation.

We do not feel this name would be a cause for our concern and certainly consent to them the use of the name: "The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation."

Thank you and best wishes,

Gary J. Sykes  
President  
Rhode Island Turfgrass Foundation

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