



**State of Rhode Island
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services
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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Rhode Island Apiary Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

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

PROMOTING EDUCATION CONCERNING HONEYBEES AND BEST PRACTICES OF BEEKEEPING FOR NEW AND ESTABLISHED BEEKEEPERS, SUPPORTING AND FACILITATING COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN BEEKEEPING, PARTICIPATION IN THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALUE OF HONEY BEES AND BEEKEEPING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD SUPPLY, AND NETWORKING AND AFFILIATING WITH ALLIED GROUPS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO ADVANCE THE GOALS OF HEALTHIER BEES AND BETTER BEEKEEPING.
THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, OR OTHER

PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 3 HEREOF. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS) ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (A) BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX AS AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE, OR (B) BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE. UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, AFTER PAYING OR PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL DEBTS AND OTHER EXPENSES, REMAINING ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ONE OF MORE 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION (A "DIRECTOR") SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE TO THE CORPORATION FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF THE DIRECTOR'S DUTY AS A DIRECTOR, EXCEPT FOR: (I) LIABILITY FOR ANY BREACH OF THE DIRECTOR DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS MEMBER, (II) LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR THAT INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF THE LAW; OR (III) LIABILITY FOR ANY TRANSACTION

FROM
WHICH THE DIRECTOR DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT. IF THE
RHODE
ISLAND NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT IS AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE
CORPORATE ACTION
FURTHER ELIMINATING OR LIMITING THE PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS,
THEN
THE LIABILITY OF A DIRECTOR SHALL BE ELIMINATED OR LIMITED TO THE
FULLEST
EXTENT PERMITTED OR LIMITED BY THE RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT
CORPORATION ACT
AS SO AMENDED.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 17 BRIARWOOD DRIVE

City or Town: WAKEFIELD

State: RI

Zip: 02879

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is STEPHEN H. BURKE, ESQ.

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	STEPHEN H. BURKE ESQ.	17 BRIARWOOD DRIVE WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	ROBERT WALKER	70 ELLERY ROAD NEWPORT, RI 02840 USA
DIRECTOR	SARA MICHAUD	150 BOTKA DRIVE CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	STEPHEN H. BURKE ESQ.	17 BRIARWOOD DRIVE WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 05/03/2024
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 3 Day of May, 2024 at 11:29:03 AM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.

STEPHEN H. BURKE ESQ.

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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,

hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions

of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this

office on this day:

May 03, 2024 11:26 AM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg M. Amore".

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

