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**BYLAWS OF  
BLEECKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
As adopted May 6, 2013**

**ARTICLE I  
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

SECTION 1. Any person interested in the history of the Town of Bleecker who applies for membership in an appropriate classification of membership and who tenders the necessary dues shall thereby become a member.

SECTION 2. Annual dues for individual membership shall be \$5.00, family memberships shall be \$7.00.

SECTION 3. Annual dues for contributors and sustaining members shall be \$25.00.

SECTION 4. Dues for lifetime membership shall be \$100.00.

SECTION 5. Annual permanent honorary membership shall be free.

SECTION 6. Annual dues shall be payable at the annual meeting. Members in arrears more than six months after payment is due shall be dropped from membership.

**ARTICLE II  
SCHEDULE AND QUORUM FOR MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held during the months of April through November on the first Monday of each month or as adjusted by the president, and open to all parties interested.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the membership (i.e. regular meetings) may be called by the President.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees may meet every other month. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the president or by the Secretary at the request in writing of any three (3) members of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 4. One-fifth of the active members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE III  
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

SECTION 1. The president shall have executive supervision over the activities of the Society within the scope provided by these bylaws and shall preside at all meetings. The president

shall report annually on the activities of the Society and shall appoint the members of committees and delegates not otherwise provided for.

SECTION 2. The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in the event of absence, incapacity, resignation, or removal of the president.

SECTION 3. The secretary shall keep the minutes of meeting of the Society and of the Board of Trustees, maintain a list of members, and render an annual report.

SECTION 4. The treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of Society funds, for maintaining adequate financial records, and for depositing all monies with a reliable banking company in the name of the Bleecker Historical Society. Monies shall be paid out by numbered checks signed by the treasurer and the president. The treasurer will collect dues, and shall render an annual report based on the calendar year.

SECTION 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to conduct all affairs of the Society. It shall appoint a vice president, treasurer or secretary to fulfil an unexpired term in the event of incapacitation or resignation. The Board of Trustees shall decide questions of policy that for any reason cannot be acted upon at a meeting of the Society and perform such other functions as designated in the bylaws or otherwise assigned to it.

At any meeting of the Board of Trustees, four members shall constitute a quorum. The president of the Society will serve as chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, through the chairperson, shall render an annual report at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1. As the Bleecker Historical Society is small, committees shall be set up as the need arises at the discretion of the president using the following list as a guide:

1. Library Committee—Responsible for collecting, cataloguing, caring for, arranging, and repairing books, manuscripts, newspapers, and other historical source material.
2. Museum Committee—Responsible for collecting, cataloguing, cleaning, repairing, and storing historic objects; for arranging museum exhibits, and the correct historic interpretation of these exhibits; for the care and upkeep of museum quarters.
3. Publications Committee—Responsible for finding ways and means for publishing joint or individual research studies; newsletter to members, a quarterly bulletin, or books; for publicity; for staging radio and television programs.
4. Historic Sites Committee—Responsible for establishing the historic validity for sites proposed for marking; for marking historic sites; for arranging tours of the sites.
5. Program Committee—Responsible for arranging suitable programs; for setting time, place, and date of meetings.

6. Membership Committee—Responsible for membership drives and processing new candidates for membership.

7. Nominations Committee—For making nominations for officers and members of the Board of Directors.

8. Audit Committee

SECTION 2. The president shall appoint members and chairperson of the standing committees.

SECTION 3. Other committees, standing or special, may be appointed by the president as directed by the Society or the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE V PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

SECTION 1. The rules contained in Roberts's Rules of Order shall govern the monthly proceedings of the Society and meetings of the Board of Trustees except in such cases as are governed by the Constitution or the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS**

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the membership present provided notice was given at the previous meeting, or they may be amended at a special called for that purpose, with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

Adopted at meeting held on May 6, 2013.

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Eliza Jane Darling, President

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Kathryn Evans, Secretary