

and satisfied of the many and great benefits, which will result from the establishment of one or more Companies, in this town, and reposing special trust and confidence in the honor and integrity of others, do hereby unite and agree, to form ourselves into a Company, to be called and known by the name of THE HAND IN HAND FIRE-COMPANY, and shall engage to exert ourselves whenever a fire may break out in this town, to relieve and assist our fellow-townsmen in general, and the Members of this Company in particular; and, in order the more effectually to carry these our intentions into execution, we agree and promise to obey and observe the following Rules and Articles, under the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned.

I.

For the more orderly conducting the business of this Company on every occasion, there shall be a President and Vice President chosen annually by ballot on the first Wednesday in February. The President shall attend to all motions made and seconded, and put the same to vote, and every resolution to be determined by a majority, excepting that of admitting a Member, which shall be unanimous; and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall supply his place.

II.

There shall also be a Clerk appointed on the first Wednesday in February, annually, for which office every