

THE CHARTER

Province of
New Hampshire

George the Third by the Grace of God
of Great Britain, France and Ireland

King Defender of the Faith and soforth
To all People to whom these presents
Shall come Greeting

Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitation of a Tract of Land within our province of New Hampshire afore said, Commonly Called and known by the Name Hillsborough Containing by estimation about six miles square have humbly Petitioned and requested us that they may be Erected and Incorporated into a township, and enfranchised with the same Powers and priviledges which other Towns within our said province by Law have and Enjoy And it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitation in particular by maintaining good order & encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done Know ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge and for the encouragement and promotion of the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid by and with advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same have erected and ordained and by these presents for us our Heirs and successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitation of the said tract of Land & others who shall Improve and Inhabit thereon hereafter the same being abutted and bounded as follows. (*Note: See Chapter 15, Boundary Line.*) Viz. Beginning at the south east corner, at a Beech Tree marked 7, from thence south Eighty Four Degrees and thirty minutes west about six miles by the Society Lands so called to a Beech Tree marked 7 and 8 from thence North Fifteen degrees west about six miles by Common Land so called to a Beech Tree 7 and 8 marked from thence North Eighty Four degrees and Thirty minutes East about six miles to a Beech Tree marked 7, thence about six miles by the Town of Henniker to the bounds first mentioned be and they are hereby declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of Hillsborough to have Continuance for Ever with all the Powers and authorities Priviledges, immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in said province by Law hold & enjoy to the said Inhabitation or those who shall hereafter inhabit them, and to their Successors for Ever always reserving to us our Heirs and Successors all White Pine Trees that are or shall be found being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy Reserving also to us our Heirs and Successors the power of Dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitation thereof Provided nevertheless and tis hereby declared that this Charter and grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be Construed to affect the private property of the soil within the Limits aforesaid and as the several Towns within our said Province are by Laws thereof enabled and authority assemble and by the majority of the Voters present to chose all Officers & transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declared. We do by these presents nominate and appoint Mr. Isaac Baldwin H H to Call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held with the said Town at any time with thirty Days from the Vote hereof, giving Legal Notice of the time and design of holding such Meeting; after which the annual meeting for said Town, shall be held for the choice of said officers and the purposes aforesaid on the last Thursday of March annually. In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said province to be

hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the fourth day of
November in the Thirteenth year of our Reign annoque Domini 1772

J. Wentworth