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CHAPTER I INCORPORATION AND GENERAL POWERS

SECTION 1.1 INCORPORATION

All of the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of Marlborough, as heretofore constituted, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of "Town of Marlborough", hereinafter called "the Town" and as such shall have perpetual succession and may exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by the Town and not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter, the additional powers and privileges herein conferred, and all powers and privileges conferred upon towns under the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended. Hereafter, in this Charter, the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall be referred to as CGS.

SECTION 1.2 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

All property, both real and personal, all rights of action and rights of every description, and all securities and liens vested or inchoate in the Town as or the effective date of this Charter shall be continued in the Town. The Town shall continue to be liable for all debts and obligations of every kind for which the Town shall be liable on said date. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the right of the town to collect any assessment, charge, debt, or lien. If any contract has been entered into by the Town prior to the effective date of this Charter or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of the Town which contains a provision that the same may be enforced by any commission, board, agency, or officer therein named, which is abolished by the provisions of this Charter, such contracts, bonds or undertakings shall continue in full force and effect and the powers conferred and the duties imposed with reference to the same upon any such commission, board, agency or officer shall, except as otherwise provided in the Charter, thereafter be exercised and discharged by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 1.3 GENERAL GRANT OF POWERS

In addition to all powers granted to towns under the Constitution and CGS, the Town shall have all powers specifically granted by this Charter, and all powers fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted. The Town shall also have all other powers incident to the management or the property, government and affairs of the Town, including the power to enter into contracts with the United States or any Federal agency, the State of Connecticut, or any political instrumentality thereof for purposes not prohibited by law. The enumeration of specific powers in this and any other Chapter of this Charter shall not be construed as limiting this general grant of powers but shall be considered as in addition thereto.

SECTION 1.4 EFFECT OF CHARTER

This Charter shall be the organic law of the Town in the administration of its local affairs. Special acts and ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent with this Charter and superseded by it shall have no further force of effect after the effective date of this Charter. Other special acts effecting the Town, and all other ordinances and resolutions duly adopted and in force before the effective date of this Charter, shall remain in force.