

**Chapter A251****CHARTER OF 1760**

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## The Charter of 1760

Province of New Hampshire      George The Second By the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c

PS      To All To whom these Presents shall come

## GREETING

Peterborough Whereas our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the Name of Peterborough have humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be erected & Incorporated into a Township & Infranchised with the same Powers & Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have & Enjoy, and it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of our said Province as well as to the said Inhabitants in particular by Maintaining good order & Encouraging the Coulture of the Land that the same should be done

Know Ye Therefore that We of our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragemt & Promoting the good Ends & Purposes aforesaid by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Commander in Chief & of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire HAVE Erected & Ordained & by there Present for us our Heirs & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid or that shall Inhabit or Improve thereon the same being Limited & Bounded as follows beginning at a Burch Tree Marked standing at the South East Corner o the Premises thence Running West Six miles by the North Line of a Tract of Land called Peterborough Slip to a Beach Tree marked thence North by the East Line of Two tracts of Land called the Middle & North Menadnack Six miles to a Red oak Tree marked from thence East Six Miles by Land Claimed by Mark Hunkg Wentworth Esq. & by Land Claimed by the Heirs of Joseph Blanchare Esq Deceased to a Hemlock Tree Marked & from thence South Six miles to the Tree first mentioned shall be & by these Presents are Declared & ordained to be a Town Corporate & are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have a Continuance two Years only by the Name of Peterborough with all the Powers & Authorities Priviledges Immunities & Franchises which any other Town in said Province by Law Hold Grant is not Intended or shall in any manner be Construed to Extend to or Effect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within our said Province of New Hampshire are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of the Voters Present to Choose all Such Officers & Transact such affairs as by the said Laws are Declared. We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Mr Hugh Willson to call the First Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Sixty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the time & Design of Holding such Meeting after which the Anual Meeting of said Town for the Choice of such Officers & Management of the Affairs aforesaid shall be held within the same on the first Thesday of January Annually. In Testimony Whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governor & Commander in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire the 17th Day of Janry in the 33d Year of our Reign & in the Year of our Lord Christ 1760

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command  
with Advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Secry

Province of New Hampshire **February 5th** 1760  
Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

~ Theodore Atkinson Secry