

Exhibit 2

BY-LAWS

OF

SNOWDON POND AT MONTPELIER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Snowdon Pond at Montpelier Homeowners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 8965 Guilford Road, Suite 290, Columbia, Maryland 21046, but meetings of Members and Directors may be held at such places within the State of Maryland, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS.

Section 1. The terms "Association", "Common Area", "Declarant", "Lot", "Lots", "Owner", and "Property", as used in these By-Laws shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions relating to the Subdivision recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Liber \_\_\_\_\_, folio \_\_\_\_\_ ("Declaration").

Section 2. "Member" means those persons or entities entitled to vote in the Association as provided in the Association's Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the Members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the Members shall be held in the same month of each year thereafter, at a date, time and place within the State of Maryland selected by the Board of Directors of the Association. If the day of the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors, or upon written request of the Members who are (i) entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class

A membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the Members shall be given by, or at the direction of the Secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, by mailing a copy of the notice, postage prepaid, not less than fifteen (15) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting, to each Member, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of the Association, or supplied by the Member of the Association for the purpose of notice. The notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting. In the case of a special meeting, the notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of Members or proxies entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the votes of each class of Membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Declaration or these By-Laws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the Members entitled to vote thereat shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the Member of his Lot.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS: TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors, as may be designated from time to time by resolution of a majority of the entire Board of Directors. Such Directors need not be members of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office of the Directors of the corporation shall be as stated in its Articles of Incorporation.

Section 3. Removal. Any director, may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation, or removal, pursuant to these By-Laws, of a Director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining Members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of-his predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No Director shall receive

compensation for any service he may render the Association. However, any Director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The Directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.

#### ARTICLE V

##### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination of Directors for election to the Board of Directors shall be made in a manner prescribed by the Board of Directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall provide for as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall, in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Nominations may be made from among Members or non-Members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At the election, the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly without notice at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association, or by any two Directors, after not less than three (3) days notice to each Director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as

the act of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

(a) Adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area including any improvements and amenities located thereon, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof.

(b) Regulate parking and storage upon the Property.

(c) Suspend the voting rights, and the right of use of any recreational facilities located on any Common Area during any period in which the Member is in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association; these rights may also be suspended for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for an infraction of published rules and regulations.

(d) Exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the Members by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration.

(e) Employ a manager, independent contractors, or other employees or contractors as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties. Any agreement entered into for the professional management of the Association, or any other contract providing for the services of the developer, sponsor or builder, may not exceed one (1) year; however, such agreement may be renewable by agreement of the parties for successive one-year periods. Any such agreement must provide; (i) for termination by either party without cause and without payment of a termination fee on ninety (90) days or less written notice, and (ii) for termination by the Association for cause and without payment of a termination fee an thirty (30) days or less written notice.

(f) Declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent without good cause from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

(a) keep a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such a statement is requested in writing by the holders of one-fourth (1/4) of the votes outstanding;

(b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;

(c) as more fully provided in the Declaration to:

(1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;

(2) send written notice of each assessment to every Lot Owner subject thereto at least fifteen (15) days in advance of each annual assessment period, and of each special assessment, at least forty-five (45) days in advance of its due date; and

(3) foreclose the lien against a Lot if the Owner thereof has not paid the assessment thereon within such time as the Board of Directors may determine, or bring an action at law against the Lot Owner personally obligated to pay the same;

(d) issue, or cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any interested person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If the certificate states that an assessment has been paid, the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the payment with respect to any person relying on the certificate;

(e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association, and adequate indemnity insurance on Officers and Directors;

(f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;

(g) cause the Common Areas to be maintained.

(h) provide for the maintenance and regulation of any parking lots or any portion of the road system not dedicated for public use or the dedication of which for public use has not been accepted by an appropriate public body;

(i) enter into an Agreement with the first mortgagees of Lots in the properties to provide that such first mortgagees, jointly or singly, may pay taxes or other charges which are in

default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Areas of the Association, and such mortgagees may pay overdue premiums on hazard insurance policies, or secure new hazard insurance coverage on the lapse of a policy for such property, and such first mortgagees, upon making such payments, shall be owed immediate reimbursement therefor from the Association;

(j) establish, levy, assess and collect all assessments referred to or authorized in this Declaration;

(k) perform any other duties required by the Articles of Incorporation of the Association or by the Declaration.

Section 3. Management Agent. The Board of Directors shall employ for the Association a professional Management Agent at a rate of compensation established by the Board to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize, including, but not necessarily limited to, the duties set out in Section 2 of this Article. The Association shall not undertake "self-management" or otherwise fail to employ a professional management agent. Any professional management company so employed must have and maintain fidelity bond coverage in an amount equal to or greater than twenty five percent (25%) of the estimated annual operating expenses and reserves of the Association.

## ARTICLE VIII

### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of this Association shall be a President and Vice-President, who shall at all times be Members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors and thereafter at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise becomes disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointments. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of the notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to the vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he or she replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

President

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors and see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out. The President shall have authority to sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

Vice-President

(b) The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

Secretary

(c) The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

Treasurer

(d) The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate

bank accounts all monies of the Association and disburse these funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made at the completion of each fiscal year; and prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

## ARTICLE IX

### INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Association shall provide any indemnification required or permitted by the laws of Maryland and shall indemnify directors, officers, agents and employees as follows:

(a) The Association shall indemnify any director or officer of the Association who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was such director or officer or an employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith, and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(b) The Association shall indemnify any director or officer of the Association who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was such a director or officer or an employee or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint

venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Association unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought, or any other court having jurisdiction in the premises, shall determine upon application that, despite the Adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

(c) To the extent that a director or officer of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Article IX, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith, without the necessity for the determination as to the standard of conduct as provided in paragraph (d) of this Article IX.

(d) Any indemnification under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Article IX (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Article IX. Such determination shall be made (i) by the Board of Directors of the Association by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (ii) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, such a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel (who may be regular counsel for the Association) in a written opinion; and any determination so made shall be conclusive.

(e) Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding, as authorized in the particular case, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article IX.

(f) Agents and employees of the Association who are not directors or officers of the Association may be indemnified under the same standards and procedures set forth above, in the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association.

(g) Any indemnification pursuant to this Article IX shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee and may appoint other committees as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE XI

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member. The Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any Member at the principal office of the Association, where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XII

ASSESSMENTS

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each Member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the Lot against which the assessment is made. Unless changed by the Board of Directors, the annual assessment shall be payable by each member annually on or before January 15th of each year for that year. If the assessment is not paid on the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate allowed by law, and be subject to a late fee to be established by the Board of Directors, and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, and interest, late fees, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or abandonment of his Lot.

The Association may establish and enforce the lien or any assessment, annual, special or additional, established pursuant to the Declaration aforesaid pursuant to the Maryland Contract Lien Act. The lien is imposed upon the Lot against which such assessment is made. The lien may be established and enforced for damages, costs of collection, late charges permitted by law, and attorney's fees provided for in the Declaration or awarded by a court for breach of any of the covenants of the Declaration.

ARTICLE XIII

RIGHTS OF MORTGAGEES/UNPAID ASSESSMENTS

The Association may, upon request and for a reasonable charge, report to a mortgagee of any Lot any unpaid assessment due from the Owner of the Lot or any default by the mortgagor of the Lot in the performance of the mortgagor's obligations as a Lot Owner hereunder which is not cured within thirty (30) days. In the event a first mortgagee requests a notice of default, and pays the charge therefor, if no notice of default is given within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request, the Association shall thereafter be estopped to claim any default that occurred prior to the receipt of the Request as respects the said first mortgagee, or any purchaser therefrom upon foreclosure or other exercise of lien rights under the mortgage.

ARTICLE XIV

CORPORATE SEAL

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: Snowdon Pond at Montpelier Homeowners Association, Inc., 1993.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the Members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members in person or by proxy. Anything set forth above in this Article XV to the contrary notwithstanding, the Declarant shall have the absolute unilateral right, power and authority to modify, revise, amend or change any of the terms or provisions of these By-Laws or as from time to time amended or supplemented. However, this unilateral right, power and authority of the Declarant may be exercised only if either the Veterans Administration or the Federal Housing Administration or any successor agencies thereto shall require such action as a condition precedent to the approval by such agency of the United States of the Property or any part

thereof or any Lots thereon for federally approved mortgage financing purposes under applicable Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Administration or similar programs. If the Veterans Administration or the Federal Housing Administration or any successor agencies thereto approve the Property or any part thereof or any Lot therein for federally approved mortgage financing purposes, any amendments to these By-Laws made during any period of time when there are Class B Members of the Association shall also require the prior consent of the agency giving such approval.

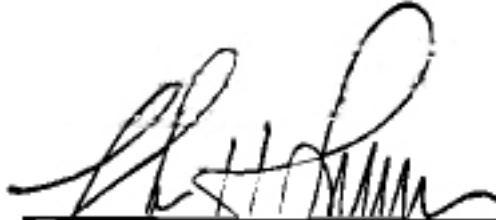


Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Articles shall control; and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and the Articles or these By-Laws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE XVI

MISCELLANEOUS

The fiscal year of the Association shall be as established by the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all the Directors of Snowdon Pond at Montpelier Homeowners Association, Inc. have hereunto set our hands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Febr

  
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Thomas H. Lawrence  
  
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Michael J. Lance  
  
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Brooks Palmer

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

THAT I am the duly elected and acting secretary of Snowdon Pond at Montpelier Homeowners Association, Inc., a Maryland corporation; and

THAT the foregoing By-Laws constitute the original By-Laws of said Association, as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of

Directors thereof, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1993.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1993.

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized and cursive, appearing to be the name 'R. N. ...'.

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