## **Maxfield Public Library Notary Services Policy**

The Maxfield Public Library offers limited notary services under the following conditions:

- Residents of Loudon and library cardholders may access notary services free of charge.
- Non-residents may use notary services for a \$2.00 fee.
- Services are intended for simple documents that do not require specialized legal knowledge.
- Library notaries cannot use a translator to communicate with individuals seeking notarization.
- Notaries are prohibited from providing legal advice, preparing legal documents, or determining the correct documentation. Library staff may only direct patrons to appropriate resources or offices for legal inquiries.

## **Documents Notarized**

The library **will not notarize** the following types of documents:

- Documents in a language the notary cannot read or write
- Electronic documents
- Wills per RSA 456-B:2 VII
- Blank documents (all forms must be completed except for the signature and date)
- An apostille per RSA 5-C: 98, 99
- Vital records (birth, adoption, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, legal separation, and civil annulment) per RSA 5-C: 1, XXXVI-VII, 5-C: 98

## **Preparation for Notary Services**

To ensure a smooth notarization process, please follow these guidelines:

- 1. Bring a valid, government-issued photo ID that is current, unexpired and that contains the signature or a photograph of the individual [RSA 456-B: 2-b, II (a) (2)].
- 2. Bring all documents unsigned. Documents must be signed in the presence of the notary.
- 3. Complete all other required information beforehand (except for the signature and date).
- 4. The Notary Public must be able to confirm the identity of the person before witnessing any signatures (per RSA 456-B: 2, II, VI).

## **Right to Refuse Service**

In accordance with **New Hampshire RSA 455**, notary services may be declined if the notary determines that any aspect of the request raises issues of:

- Authenticity
- Ambiguity
- Doubt or uncertainty

Notary services are available until 30 minutes	before the notary's scheduled workday ends
Approved by the Library Board of Trustees on _	