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November 6, 2018

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) to acquire fee title to 0.5 acres in Stratford, New Hampshire from the Law Office of Mark R. Dunn acting as agent for Robert and Regina Leclerc of Milan, New Hampshire (Vendor Code 160143), for \$12,000, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2019. Funding is 100% Other, Wildlife Habitat Conservation Funds.

Funding for this purchase is available as follows:

03 75 75 751520-2155 Wildlife Program – Wildlife Habitat Conservation

020-07500-21550000-033-500845 Land Acquisitions & Easements

FY2019
\$12,000

EXPLANATION

The current landowners decided to sell their former hunting camp location in late 2016. NHFG proposes to purchase a 0.5 acre in-holding and deeded right-of-way within the Fort Hill Wildlife Management Area along the Connecticut River in Stratford. This acquisition will eliminate these private property rights and enhance the public use of the area.

Funding for this project will be provided Wildlife Habitat Account. The Fish and Game Commission approved this expenditure from the account at their September, 2018 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte
Chief, Business Division

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

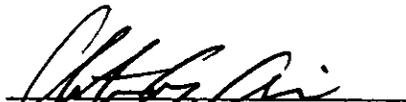
DATE October 29, 2018

FROM: Christopher G. Aslin **AT (OFFICE)** Department of Justice
Senior Assistant Attorney General Environmental Protection Bureau

SUBJECT: Leclerc Acquisition, Fort Hill WMA, Stratford, NH

TO: Richard Cook, Land Agent
New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

The Office of the Attorney General has reviewed the title work, Warranty Deed, and supporting documents, as outlined in your memo dated October 23, 2018, for the Leclerc property located in the Town of Stratford, New Hampshire owned by Robert and Regina Leclerc, and pursuant to RSA 212:7 approves the title of the property for acquisition. The Warranty Deed provided is approved for form and substance only. Following approval by Governor and Council, the fully executed Warranty Deed should be submitted to this office for approval of execution prior to recording in the Registry of Deeds.



Christopher G. Aslin

WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS Robert A. Leclerc and Regina Leclerc, husband and wife, with a mailing address of 21 Copperville Road, Milan, New Hampshire 03588 (Grantors), for consideration paid, grants to THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE acting by and through its FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT, with an address of 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, County of Merrimack, State of New Hampshire 03301, the following:

Being all right, title and interest of the Grantors, in and to a certain tract of land in Stratford, County of Coos and State of New Hampshire identified as Stratford Tax Map 237, Lot 33 bounded and described as follows:

This lot is a meadow lot commencing at the southwest corner of E. Connery land at an iron pipe thence South 2° East, 165 feet 5 inches to a gate which is 16 feet; thence North 56° West, 256 feet to the Connecticut River bank; North 76° East, 115 feet along river bank; thence North 63° East, 100 feet along the river bank; thence South 20° East 33 feet to point of beginning. Containing 0.5 acres (1/2 acre).

The foregoing description is taken from a survey entitled "Survey for Harlan McMann, U.S. Route #3, Stratford, N.H.", Scale 1 in. = 30 ft., prepared by Pierson R. Fogg, surveyor, said plan having been approved by the Stratford Planning Board as a subdivision and copy of same plan was recorded at the Coos County Registry of Deeds, Book 603, Page 194.

There is also conveyed an easement along the meadow road running from U.S. Route #3 to the subject premises, such easement to be in common with others.

Meaning and intending hereby to convey all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Warranty Deed to Robert A. Leclerc and Regina Leclerc dated June 2, 2009 by Everett J. Mason and Gail E. Mason and recorded in the Coos County Registry of Deeds Book 1278, Page 0570, on June 12, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands on this ___ day of _____, 2018

SELLER:

Robert A. Leclerc

Regina Leclerc

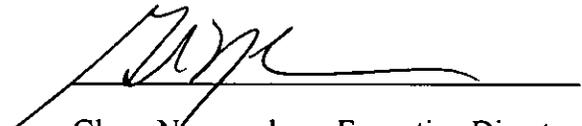
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF _____

I, hereby certify that Robert A. Leclerc and Regina Leclerc personally appeared before me on this ___ day of _____, 2018, (known to me or satisfactorily proven) to be the person described in the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires:

ACCEPTED: STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT

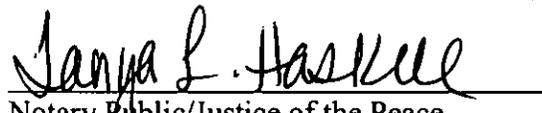
The State of New Hampshire, acting through its Fish and Game Department on this
19 day of November, 2018.



Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared before me on this 19th day of November, 2018, Glenn Normandeau, who acknowledges himself to be the Executive Director for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and as such is duly authorized to executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing his name on behalf of the State of New Hampshire.



Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires:

TANYA L. HASKELL, Notary Public
My Commission Expires November 4, 2020

Approved by the Governor and Executive Council: _____, 2018, Item ____.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Location: NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Commissioners Present: R. Phillipson, T. Baldwin, P. McInnis, C. Hodgdon, R. Green, B. Carr, D. Patch, B. Temple & E. Stohl.

Commissioners absent/excused: E. Millette

Executive Director Normandeau – Present

Chairman Phillipson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and asked the audience to join in the pledge of allegiance. He informed the audience that the public is entitled to attend all Commission meetings and when recognized by the chairman, the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Chair reserves the right to limit comment to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1.) Commissioner Stohl moved to approve the August 8, 2018 Commission Minutes as written and Commissioner Hodgdon seconded. The vote carried with 8 in favor, 1 abstention (B. Temple-was absent from August 8, 2018 Commission Meeting).

2.) Consent Agenda - The following items were grouped together and were noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission voted to approve these matters as presented. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

Commissioner Carr moved to approve consent agenda items 2a-2d as presented below and Commissioner McInnis seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2a.) Commission accepted the following donations in memory of Thomas Lambert, of Jaffrey, NH, as outlined below:

DONATIONS TO LET'S GO FISHING PROGRAM:

Monica Steele, Antrim, NH -	\$50.00
Peter Messineo, Concord, NH -	\$25.00

SMALL GIFTS & DONATIONS ACCOUNT:

Jenifer & Craig Bell, Swanzey, NH -	\$50.00
Conval High School, Peterborough, NH -	\$35.00
Gordon & Julianna Getty, Jaffrey, NH -	\$25.00
Kimberly & Marshell Chandler, Hancock, NH -	\$50.00
Raymond & Annette Gagne, Rindge, NH -	\$50.00
Kenneth & Gail Pineault, Wilmington, DE -	\$100.00
Todd & Cynthia Colburn, Milford, NH -	\$50.00

Allison Maher, Rindge, NH -	\$35.00
Donald & Shirley Mahoney, Jaffrey, NH -	\$20.00
Community Transport Employees –Jaffrey, NH -	\$150.00

2b.) Commission accepted donations in memory of Colonel William Grimes, of Rumney, NH, as outlined below:

DONATIONS TO CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Joyce Skocic, Mt. Vernon, OH -	\$25.00
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SMALL GIFTS & DONATIONS ACCOUNT:

Reese Shinkle, Beavercreek, OH -	\$100.00
John Schutte, Xenia, OH -	\$50.00
645 AESS Unit Fund, Greenville, TX -	\$75.00

2c.) Commission accepted the donation of furs, valued at \$786.00, from the NH Trappers Association, to be utilized by the Trapper Education Program.

2d.) Commission accepted the donation of \$20.00 from Brian Perra, of Sunapee, NH, to be utilized by the furbearer program.

3.) The Commission participated in the annual hunting survey prize drawing as outlined below:

WINNERS

- Steve Sumple, Southbury, CT -
- Daniel Keleher, Somersworth, NH -
- Kenneth Fecteau, Jr., Conway, NH -
- Anthony Cincotta, Somersworth, NH -

PRIZES

- Escort M87 pump action shotgun
(Donated by the Ruffed Grouse Society)
- Ruger American bolt action rifle w/ scope
(Donated by Sturm, Ruger & Company)
- Woodman Arms Patriot Muzzleloader
(Donated by Woodman Arms)
- Ruger American bolt action rifle w/scope
(Donated by Sturm, Ruger & Company)

Kent Gustafson, Game Program Supervisor, thanked the prize donors for their generous donations and gave a special thanks to Brad Marshall, of Marshall Firearms, for handling the necessary paperwork on behalf of the prize recipients.

4.) Jim Oehler, Habitat Biologist, came before the Commission seeking approval to add \$20,000 to the current FY'19 authorized budget of \$20,000 for exclusive use in our wildlife habitat enhancement Small Grants Program.

Commissioner Hodgdon moved to approve adding \$20,000 to the current FY'19

authorized budget of \$20,000 as presented and Commissioner Green seconded.

Commissioner Baldwin inquired as to changing the grant issuance requirement for managed lands to be kept open for hunting for a 5 year period to an 8 year period.

Much discussion ensued.

The vote was unanimous in the affirmative to add an additional \$20,000 for exclusive use in the Small Grants Program as requested in the above action item.

Chairman Phillipson invited Jim Oehler to come before the Commission within the next few months to discuss potential program changes with the Commission. Jim agreed to do so in the near future.

5.) Jim Oehler came before the Commission seeking approval to expend \$12,000 from the Wildlife Habitat Account to purchase an inholding with a deeded right of way through the Fort Hill Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Stratford, NH.

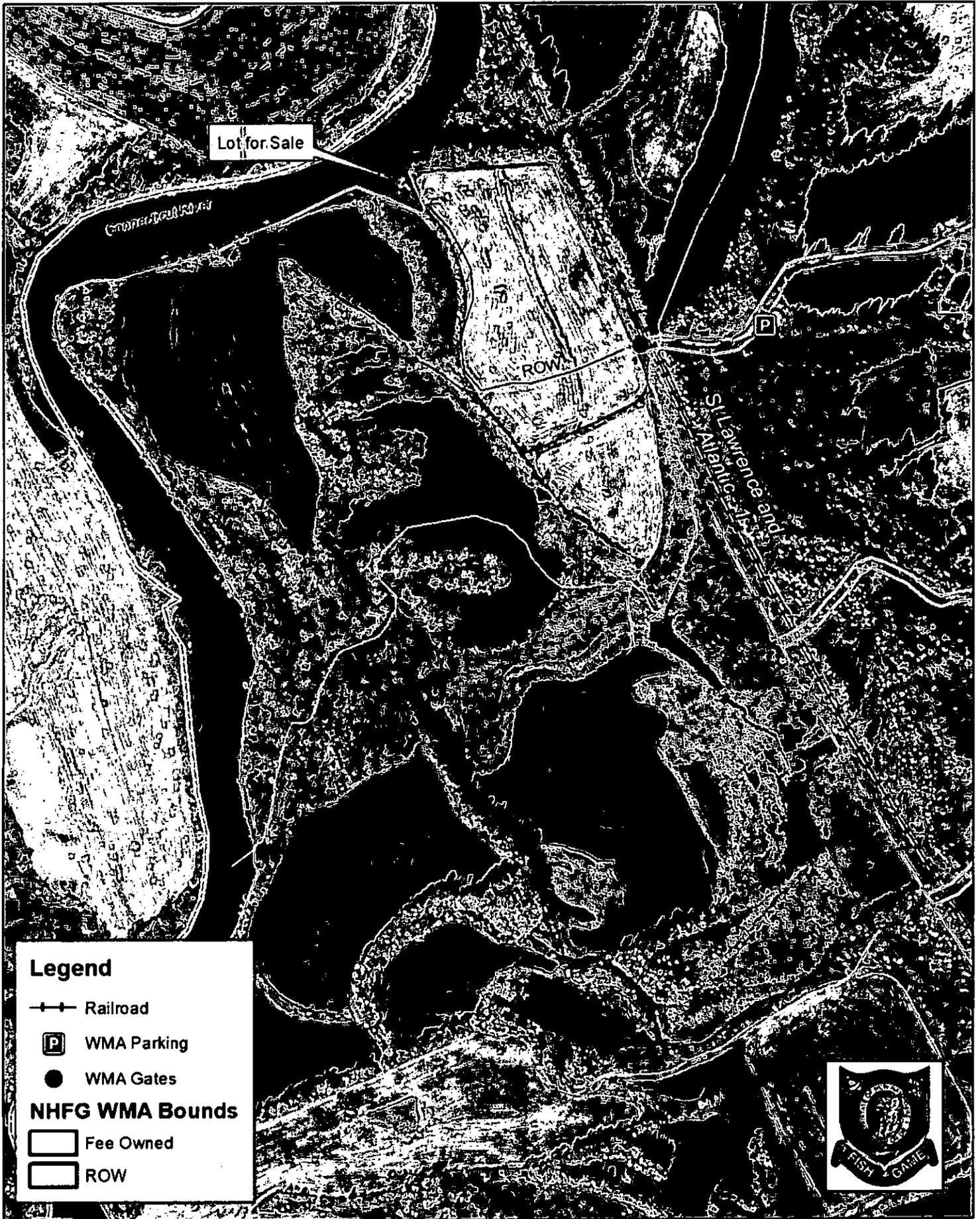
Jim explained that the Fort Hill WMA is a 610 acre property along the Connecticut River with extensive open marsh and shrub/scrub wetlands, corn and hayfields, and floodplain forest among other habitats. He reported that there was approximately a 1/2 acre outlot for sale along the northern boundary that has a deeded right-of-way (ROW) through the WMA. He further reported that purchasing the property would extinguish the ROW that allows the landowner to pass through the department's gate at will and use the WMA as his/her own defacto private hunting preserve. He reported that the asking price was \$24,000, the appraised value is \$9,000, and the landowner and department have agreed on a purchase price of \$12,000, pending Commission approval.

~~After much discussion, Commissioner Stahl moved to authorize to expend \$12,000 from the Habitat Account to purchase an inholding with a deeded right of way through the Fort Hill WMA, Stratford, NH, with confirmation that the department does, in fact, have deeded access (ROW) and Commissioner Patch seconded. The vote carried with 7 in favor, 1 opposed (B. Carr).~~

LATE ITEM:

1.) Commissioner McInnis moved to accept the following donations, valued at \$1,197.90, from the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of NH, to be utilized by the Wildlife Division and Commissioner Patch seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

- 10 Victure HC400 trail cameras- valued at \$600.00
- 2 Moultrie A-30i trail cameras- valued at \$239.90
- 2 Covert MP8 trail cameras-valued at \$230.00
- 10 32gb cards – valued at \$128.00



Legend

- +— Railroad
-  WMA Parking
-  WMA Gates

NHFG WMA Bounds

-  Fee Owned
-  ROW

**Lot for Sale Abutting
Fort Hill Wildlife Management Area
Stratford, NH**

