



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Highway Maintenance
March 30, 2021

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Transportation requests placing this item on the Consent Calendar:

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Transportation to accept 33,750 trash bags, with a reported value of \$3,618.00, from New Hampshire the Beautiful Inc. for use in the Sponsor-a-Highway Program.

EXPLANATION

NH RSA Title XX Transportation, Chapter 230 State Highways, Section 230:83 Sponsor-a-Highway Program requires the Commissioner of Transportation to "...establish a sponsor-a-highway program by directly involving citizens, groups, associations, and the business community in the beautification of the state's highways."

New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. supports this program by donating blue bags for the Department of Transportation to provide to the volunteer groups that remove trash from almost 1,328 miles of State Roadway. During calendar year 2020, 117 volunteer groups picked up 6,356 bags of trash as part of this program.

The Department appreciates the support of New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. and all the volunteer groups that make the Sponsor a Highway program a success and help keep our roadsides clean.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

Attachment

NHDOT Blue Bag Order for CY2021

District	Case Order		# Bags
1	30		4500
2	30		4500
3	25		3750
4	100		15000
5	20		3000
6	20		3000
Total	225		33750

Since 2007 483150 Prev yr ('19) 449400

Value /case* \$ 16.08

Total Value \$ 3,618.00

*Price from NH the Beautiful

New Hampshire Sponsor-A-Highway Program
Administered through
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
Bureau of Highway Maintenance

2020 Fact Sheet

The New Hampshire Sponsor-A-Highway program, in cooperation with New Hampshire the Beautiful, coordinates volunteers to remove litter from portions of the State's highway system. The New Hampshire legislature established the program through RSA 230:83 and administrative rules were adopted on April 1, 1994. Volunteer groups are asked to sponsor both sides of a 2-mile section of highway and agree to a 2-year commitment. Volunteers are asked to remove litter four times between April and November.

Some highlights for 2020 are listed below:

- 6,356 bags of litter removed (equivalent to approximately 16 tons or 20,975 cubic feet).
- 117 volunteer groups are active with Sponsor-a-Highway.
- 1,328 miles of highway are sponsored.
- New Hampshire the Beautiful donated approximately 33,750 bags to the program.
- Since 2007, New Hampshire the Beautiful has donated approximately 449,000 bags.
- Since 1994, approximately 483,000 bags of litter have been removed from the State's highways with this program (equivalent to 3,715 garbage trucks)