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March 15, 2023

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

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 206:33-A authorize New Hampshire Fish and Game to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from the NH Charitable Foundation's Melinda Richmond Fund from the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. Funds to be deposited as follows:

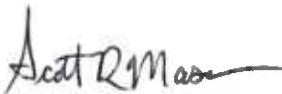
Funds to be deposited into 020 07500 21250000 402766 Non-Game Donations	<u>FY 2023</u> \$5,000.00
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Explanation

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department received a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Melinda Richmond Fund directed to the Nongame & Endangered Wildlife Program. The Nongame & Endangered Wildlife Program relies on private donations, in part, to support the state's conservation efforts of nongame wildlife.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to accept this donation at their February 21, 2023 meeting (See attached minutes, Action Item 2d).

Respectfully submitted,


Scott R. Mason
Executive Director


Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Commissioners Present: P. DeBow, M. Lachance, J. Caveney, A.J. DeRosa, R. Green, B. Temple, E. Stohl, C. Hodgdon, & S. Price.

Seacoast Commissioner: Vacant

Commissioners absent/excused: M. Hodgson

Executive Director Mason – Present

Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 1:00p.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 Chairman reserves the right to limit comment to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner S. Price moved to approve the January 17, 2023 Commission Minutes and Commissioner A.J. DeRosa seconded. Commissioner M. Lachance abstained from voting, as he was absent at the January 17, 2023 Commission Meeting. The motion carried.

1a.) On behalf of the Commission, Chairman R. Green presented the 2021 Youth Conservationist Award of Excellence to Jack Dalton, of Manchester, NH.



Chairman Green reported that Jack's mission is to protect animals and the environment through the power of education and inspiration. Jack Dalton, who goes by the name "Kid Conservationist", may be a child, but he is already an animal activist, public speaker, educational YouTuber, and author. Even though he is only 11 years old, he has already been recognized for his work both locally and globally, including the 2021 Presidential Environmental Youth Award, a 2021 International Eco-Hero by Action for Nature Notable Mention, and a Top 20 Finalist for the first-ever TIME Kid of the Year in 2020.

He further reported that Jack provides presentations at dozens of schools and libraries in New Hampshire about the ways kids can be involved in helping to protect wildlife for years to come.

In addition, Jack showcases his work on his YouTube channel "Kid Conservationist", which includes kayak river clean ups in Nashua, an interview with Nashua Mayor, Jim Donchess, about ways cities can go green to protect the environment. Jack's biggest project here in New Hampshire this year is his "Save the Forest Lake" campaign, to help protect Forest Lake

State Park and voice his concerns about what would happen if a landfill were located close to the park. Some of the other topics he presents on are plastic use, palm oil, trash clean up, how to reduce paper usage, the importance of getting out in nature, and many other tips to help wildlife and the environment. NHPR, NH Chronicle, The Union Leader, and the New Hampshire Journal have all interviewed Jack Dalton.

Chairman Green thanked Jack & his parents for coming to the meeting and congratulated Jack on his achievements and receiving The Youth Conservationist Award.

The audience applauded.

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

2a.) The Commission accepted the following donations totaling \$6,650.00 made to the Search & Rescue Account:

• John Berry -	\$5,000.00
• Kim LaCrosse -	\$1,000.00
• Judy Kenison-	\$ 200.00
• Steve Wheeler -	\$ 200.00
• Laura Beeler -	\$ 150.00
• Ryan Chiasson & Matthew Kopyt	\$ 100.00
	Total: \$6,650.00

2b.) The Commission accepted the following donations totaling \$275.00 made in memory of Ralph Rannacher of Moultonborough, NH & Fort Pierce, FL, for deposit into the Small Gifts & Donations Account & earmarked for Hunting & Fishing Programs.

• Roger & Dorothy Simpson, Center Harbor, NH -	\$100.00
• Sharon Eaton, Meredith, NH -	\$100.00
• Donald & Gerry McGillicuddy, Moultonborough, NH -	\$ 50.00
• Stephanie Henrichsen, Sutton, NH -	\$ 25.00
	Total: \$275.00

2c.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$50.00 from the River-Woods Manchester Residents, Manchester, NH, for use in Conservation Education Programs. This donation was made in appreciation of a talk that Volunteers Douglas Whitefield & Dennis Walsh provided to the residents.

2d.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$5,000 from the NH Charitable Foundation Melinda Richmond Fund, to support the Nongame & Endangered Wildlife Program.

2e.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$100.00 from Daniel Dockham, Jr., Gilmanton, NH, for deposit into the Small Gifts & Donations Account.

2f.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$60.00 from Mary Lesser, New Haven, CT, in memory of Jack Miller, NH, for use by the Hunter Education Program.