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May 28, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8 Gifts to the State, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to accept a donation of \$5,000.00 from the Paul and Patricia Bisset Family Trust, to be donated to the Law Enforcement Division to be utilized for Search and Rescue Missions conducted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Advanced Search and Rescue Team, from the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. Funds to be deposited as follows:

	<u>FY 2025</u>
Funds to be deposited into 020 07500 21120000 407364 Search & Rescue Fees	\$5,000.00

EXPLANATION

The family trust of Paul and Patricia Bisset has been making annual financial donations to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Law Enforcement Division for the past several years. This donation is made each year to honor New Hampshire Fish and Game Officers and to recognize all the work they do during challenging search and rescue missions throughout the state. This donation will provide much needed financial support to outfit the Conservation Officers and the Canine teams with lifesaving safety equipment and essential training that is utilized to complete a myriad of search and rescue missions each year. This donation will greatly assist the members of the Advanced Search and Rescue Team to be successful in achieving improved public safety and education with the challenges faced during the various off trail backcountry search and rescue issues.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to accept this donation at their April 15, 2025, Commission Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie L. Simek Ph.D.
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

APRIL 15, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Commissioners Present: R. Green, B. Temple, C. Hodgdon, E. Stohl, J. Caveney, D. Poole, P. McGonagle & A.J. DeRosa.

Commissioner J. Titone arrived at 2:55 p.m., due to traffic related to a motor vehicle accident.

Commissioners absent/excused: G. Chandler

Rockingham County Commissioner seat: vacant

Executive Director Simek – Present

Chairman R. Green called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 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 E. Stohl moved to approve the March 18, 2025 Commission Minutes, as written, and Commissioner A.J. DeRosa seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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 A.J. DeRosa moved to accept consent agenda items 2a & 2c, as presented below, and Commissioner P. McGongale seconded.

2a.) The Commission accepted the following donations totaling \$6,300 made to the Search & Rescue Account:

• Paul & Patricia Bisset – designated for Search & Rescue Team	\$5,000
• Sally Merrill –made in memory of retired Sgt. Donald Merrill	\$1,200
• John Collins- to acquire future life-saving equipment	\$ 100
	\$6,300

2b.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$50.00 made to the Hunter Education Program from Edward & Nancy Lynch of Lebanon, NH, in memory of Eric B. Densmore of Cornish, NH.