

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD 03301

Executive Order Number 92-7

an order establishing THE JOHN HAY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the lakeside summer home of former United States Secretary of State John Hay, known as "The Fells", in Newbury, New Hampshire, is an important landmark, representing a significant era in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Hay family over three generations emphasized the importance of contemplation and renewal of the spirit through the pursuit of the study of nature, landscape design, literary thought, and artistic discovery; and

WHEREAS, the buildings, gardens and surrounding grounds of "The Fells" are to be managed by the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation under a long term agreement from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, citizen advisory organizations have proven to be an effective arm of New Hampshire State Government in providing a model of citizen involvement in the administration of our state parks and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, citizen involvement and advice are in the best interest of the State of New Hampshire in preserving this landmark and in the perpetuation of the legacy of the Hay Family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDD GREGG, Governor of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41, of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish a Governor's Advisory Group to be known as The John Hay Commission. The Commission shall be composed of 17 voting members as follows:

(a) Six (6) ex officio members or their designees, shall serve for the term of their respective office.

The Governor or designee (who shall serve as chairperson)
The Director of Parks and Recreation
The Director of Historical Resources
The Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee
The President of the Senate or designee
The United States Fish and Wildlife Service John Hay Wildlife Refuge manager or designee.

(b) Eleven (11) public members representing the following categories shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure.

Two Hay Family descendants
One representing the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests
One representing the Lake Sunapee Protection Association
One representing the Town of Newbury
Six representing the general public, two of whom shall have a strong interest in garden conservation.

The Commission is hereby authorized and directed to:

(1) promote the protection, maintenance, utilization, and display of the historic buildings, garden, and landscape in concert with the Division of Parks and other cooperators.

(2) engage in fund-raising activities to improve and enhance the Fells' building, grounds and programs;

(3) accept gifts of furnishings and other offerings appropriate to the estate on behalf of the State of New Hampshire.

(4) cooperate with the Friends of the John Hay Wildlife Refuge, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, local conservation and historic interests, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(5) annually advise the Governor and Council, and the Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. and the President of the New Hampshire Senate, on its recommendations, activities, accomplishments and goals.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord this fourteenth day of June, in the year of our lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.

JUDD GREGG



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