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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301 Bureau of Right-of-Way July 6, 2020

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 4:39-c and 228:31, authorize the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (Department) to sell 1.8 +/- acres of State owned land on the westerly side of Interstate 89 in the Town of Warner. The sale would be directly to the Town of Warner (the "Grantee") for \$3,600.00 which includes a \$1,100.00 Administrative Fee, effective upon Governor and Executive Council Approval.

The Department's Bureau of Finance and Contracts has determined the parcel was originally purchased with 90% Federal Funds and 10% Highway Funds.

Funding is to be credited as follows:

04-096-096-960015-0000-UUU-402156 Administrative Fee	<u>FY 2021</u> \$1,100.00
04-096-096-960015-0000-UUU-409279 Sale of Parcel (10% of \$2,500.00)	<u>FY 2021</u> \$250.00
04-096-096-963515-3054-401771 Consolidated Federal Aid (90% of \$2,500.00)	<u>FY 2021</u> \$2,250.00

## **EXPLANATION**

The Department received a request from the Grantee to acquire the 1.8 +/- acre of land on the westerly side of Interstate 89 in the Town of Warner. The intent of the Grantee is to use this land to construct a rail trail to connect into their existing trail system along NH Route 103. This area will also provide trail users a way to view wildlife on an adjacent 9 +/- acre parcel, currently being purchased from the State by the Town of Warner.

Pursuant to RSA 4:39-c, this sale has been reviewed by the Department and determined to be surplus to our operational needs and interests. The sale will include the following conditions:

1. No access will be allowed to Interstate 89 from this parcel.

- 2. The Grantees, at their expense, will have a right of way adjustment plan prepared by a land surveyor licensed in the State of New Hampshire describing the land being sold. Approved plans require submission to the Department and recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. The Department will use this plan to prepare the deed for the sale of this land.
- 3. The Grantee, at its expense, will construct a Bekaert Hinge Joint Field Fence, as well as install concrete bounds at boundary corners, installation by a New Hampshire-licensed land surveyor, and both projects in accordance with State specifications.
- 4. Prior to any excavation on the site, the Town of Warner shall complete a Phase 1A investigation to identify any areas of obvious disturbance and archaeological sensitivity.
- 5. Prior to any construction of a recreational trail or development of the site, the Town of Warner will coordinate with the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department, Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program.

At the June 22, 2020 Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee meeting, this request for sale to the Town of Warner was approved, the sale price being \$3,600.00, which includes an Administrative Fee of \$1,100.00.

The Department is respectfully requesting authorization for the sale of land on the westerly side of Interstate 89 as noted above.

Respectfully,

Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner

VFS/SJN Attachments



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June 22, 2020

Stephen G. LaBonte, Administrator Department of Transportation Bureau of Right-of-Way John O. Morton Building Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. LaBonte,

The Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 4:39-c, on June 22, 2020, approved the request of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Right-of-Way, to sell 1.8 +/- acres of State owned land, located on the westerly side of Interstate 89 in the Town of Warner, to the Town of Warner for \$3,600, which includes a \$1,100 Administrative Fee, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated May 22, 2020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael W. Kane

Michael W. Kane Legislative Budget Assistant

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Cc: Adam Smith, Assistant Administrator Bureau of Right-of-Way

