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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION of HISTORICAL RESOURCES

19 Pillsbury Street CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301

October 17, 2018

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

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pursuant to RSA 261:97-b, I (a) and RSA 227-C:28, authorization is respectfully requested for the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Historical Resources (DHR) to budget and expend \$7,000 from the Conservation Number Plate Fund and \$10,000 from the Division's Merciful Restoration Fund to support the publication of the second and expanded edition of Preserving Old Barns by the New Hampshire Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee, established by RSA 227-C:29, upon Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2020. **100% Other Funds**

Budgets to be established as follows:

Administration					
03-35-35-350010-34000000					
Fiscal Year 2019					
Class	Class Description	Account	Current Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue					
008	Agency Income	405368	(230,000)	(7,000)	(237,000)
Total			(230,000)	(7,000)	(237,000)
Expense					
054	Trust Fund Expenditures	500528	230,000	7,000	237,000
Total			230,000	7,000	237,000
Barn Preservation Fund					
03-35-35-3540-19680000					
Fiscal Year 2019					
Class	Class Description	Account	Current Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue					
005	Private Local Funds	401734	0	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total			0	(10,000)	(10,000)
Expense					
020	Current Expenses	500200	0	500	500
103	Contracts for Ops Services	500634	0	9,500	9,500
Total			0	10,000	10,000

2. Pursuant to RSA 227-C:27, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Historical Resources (DHR), to accept and expend a total of \$6,656 in solicited donations from the NH Preservation Alliance for \$3,100 and the Park Street Foundation, for \$3,556 both of whom support and advocate for barn preservation and agricultural heritage. **100% Other Funds**

Budgets to be established as follows:

Barn Preservation Fund					
03-35-35-3540-19680000					
Fiscal Year 2019					
Class	Class Description	Account	Current Budget	Requested Change	Adjusted Budget
Revenue					
005	Private Local Funds	401734	0	(6,656)	(6,656)
Total			0	(6,656)	(6,656)
Expense					
103	Contracts for Ops Services	500634	0	6,656	6,656
Total			0	6,656	6,656

EXPLANATION

The Conservation License Plate funding is derived from the sale of conservation license plates. In accordance with RSA 261:97-b, I, proceeds from the sale of conservation license plates is distributed to several state agencies, including the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR). Additionally, RSA 261:97-c, I, states that the DNCR funding is to be used to promote the use and conservation of cultural resources in New Hampshire and to preserve the cultural heritage that belongs to all New Hampshire citizens.

In 1999, recognizing that historic barns and agricultural structures symbolize the distinctive New Hampshire values of heritage, hard work, productivity, and stewardship, the Legislature established the Historic Agriculture Structures Advisory Committee (Committee). RSA 227-C:27 further notes that these structures are witnesses to the role of agriculture in our state's image and its economy, and that although they serve as scenic landmarks for residents and visitors alike and are among our most highly valued heritage resources, many can no longer generate sufficient income to prevent their loss by decay or demolition. Shortly thereafter, in order to assist the owners who are making an effort to preserve these irreplaceable assets, the Committee published *Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource*. The book combined practical sections on maintenance, foundation and structural repair, and resources and references, with beautiful color photography, a history of New Hampshire barns, and inspirational success stories. An immediate hit among barn owners and would-be barn owners, 6,000 copies sold out in the three printings.

Fifteen years later, barn preservation is more popular -- and more needed -- than ever in New Hampshire. The Barn Committee continues its work of providing technical assistance, education and outreach, but lacks one of its best tools, available copies of *Preserving Old Barns*. This project proposes to expand the first edition's content, particularly sections on timber frame joinery and the working components of barns; update the resources and reference section; create a new cover, and add new barn images by a professional photographer who has joined the cause of barn preservation. The group explored several publishing options, including online publication and on-demand printing, before deciding to publish the second edition in a traditional format.

The funding currently being requested combines funding from several sources; We seek to budget and expend \$7,000 from the Conservation Number Plate Fund and \$10,000 from the Division's Merciful Restoration Fund which has been established in the Barn Preservation Fund to initiate the program support effort from this fund. The Merciful Restoration Fund is a longtime accounting unit within the Division in which proceeds realized through the publication of books authored by Division staff are available to assist with the publication of books on preservation-related New Hampshire topics. Net proceeds from the publication of the second edition of Preserving Old Barns will replenish Merciful Restoration.

We also seek to accept and expend \$6,656 in private donations of which \$3,100 is in pledges committed by the NH Preservation Alliance which is a non-profit historic preservation organization and member of DHR's Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee while \$3,556 is committed and in escrow by the Park Street Foundation, a charitable foundation and fiscal agent for the NH Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee.

- Class 20 appropriations will be used to support committee current expenses
- Class 103 appropriations will be used for contracted services to include publication costs, distribution costs, and editorial updates/additions.
- Class 54 appropriations will be used for contracted services to include publication costs, distribution costs, and editorial updates/additions.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah L. Stewart
Commissioner





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For the Honorable Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable Executive Council:


The N.H. Preservation Alliance is writing in support of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' October 17, 2018 request for the N.H. Division of Historical Resources' publication of the second and expanded edition of Preserving Old Barns. The Preservation Alliance is New Hampshire's non-profit historic preservation organization. As a member of the Division's Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee, we have worked closely with the Division on this and many other projects.

The Preservation Alliance is very enthusiastic about the production and dissemination of a new, expanded edition of this popular and effective handbook, which is part of a larger campaign to save and revive old barns and build public awareness for their preservation. Six thousand copies of the book have been sold, and there is no more inventory. The demand for the new edition is already high.

Despite positive impacts from preservation work over time, we're still losing almost a barn a day, dairy farms are in crisis and experts are concerned about a big "bubble" of need in the near future because of deferred maintenance.

The Preservation Alliance has \$3,100 in gifts and pledges committed to the project, fundraising continues, and we will forward these donations to the Division to expend on the project.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Goodman
Executive Director

PARK STREET FOUNDATION

20 Park Street
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The Honorable Christopher T Sununu and the Honorable Executive Council:

The Park Street Foundation: a 501 (c) (3) charitable foundation registered with the IRS and the State of New Hampshire serves as the Fiscal Agent for the NH Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee. The Park Street is holding in an escrow account for the HASAC funds totally \$3556.00. This fund is for the publication of the NH Division of Historical Resources second and expanded edition of: Preserving Old Barns.

When instructed by the Committee the PSF will cut a check to the Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee for the amount requested or will pay invoices submitted for payment and authorized by the HASAC for activities associated with the production of Preserving Old Barns.

Sincerely,



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