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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

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June 21, 2022

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 227-H:6, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Forests and Lands to accept the release of rights of approximately 5.1 +/- acres of former railroad corridor abutting Mast Yard State Forest in the Town of Hopkinton, from Pinsly Railroad Company, Inc., successor in interest to the Concord & Claremont Railway Railroad, effective upon Governor and Council approval.

EXPLANATION

Pinsly Railroad Company, Inc., has agreed to release its rights to DNCR of a 5.1 +/- acre portion of the former Concord & Claremont railroad corridor, which abuts the Mast Yard State Forest. The corridor separates a portion of the state forest on the north side of the corridor from the larger portion of the state forest on the southerly side of the railroad corridor. The Division of Forests and Lands is seeking authority to accept the release.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources believes that accepting this release is beneficial as it would create a contiguous Mast Yard State Forest parcel for more efficient forest management, and it will also provide the opportunity for DNCR to work with others to utilize this corridor as part of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail.

Your approval would be subject to the deed's final approval by the Department of Justice.

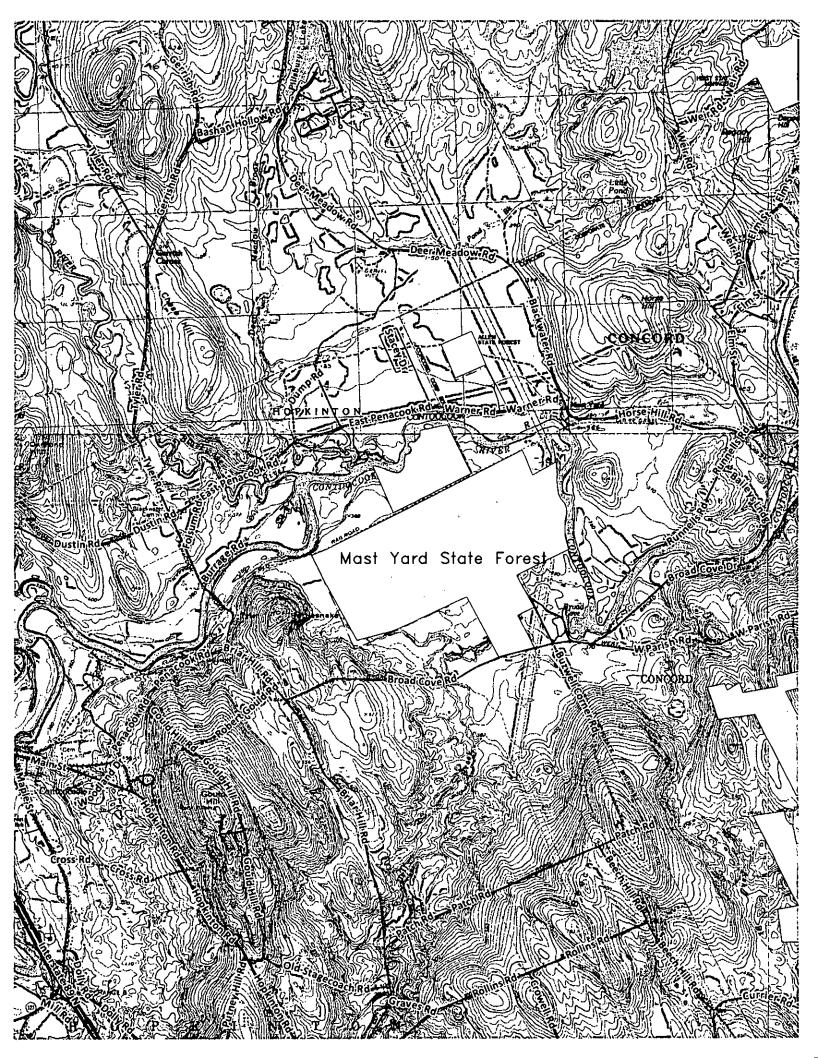
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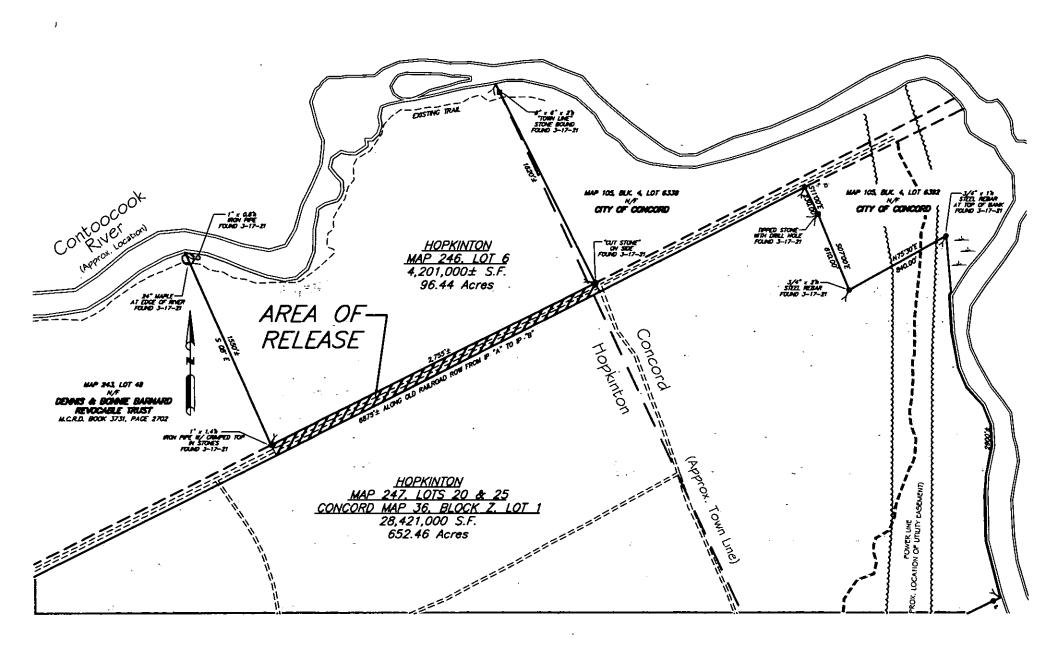
Patrick D. Hackley

Director

Concurred,

Sarah L. Stewart Commissioner





Please Record & Return to:
Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301
Attention: Land Management Bureau

Recording Fee:	\$ _
Transfer Tax / Stamp:	\$

THE ABOVE SPACE IS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS (FOR PLACEMENT OF TRANSFER TAX STAMPS & RECORDING INFORMATION)

RELEASE DEED

Pinsly Railroad Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation, with a principal business address of 94 North Elm Street, Suite 404, Westfield, Massachusetts 01085 ("Pinsly"), as successor in interest to the Concord & Claremont N.H. Railroad and the Claremont and Concord Railway Company, Inc., for no consideration, releases and grants all rights it retains (if any) in the following portions of the abandoned railroad corridor formerly used by the Concord & Claremont N.H. Railroad and its successors, located in the Town of Hopkinton, State of New Hampshire, County of Merrimack, to the State of New Hampshire, through its Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, with a mailing address of 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301, the portion of the former railroad corridor in the Town of Hopkinton starting in the east at the Town Line with Concord and continuing west to Station 480+55 +/- as shown on Sheet Nos. 9 and 10 from a set of plans titled "RIGHT-OF-WAY AND TRACK MAP, CONCORD & CLAREMONT N.H. R.R. Operated by the BOSTON AND MAINE R.R." dated June 30, 1914, such westerly boundary also being identified as the easterly property line of property owned by The Dennis and Bonnie Barnard Revocable Trust as shown on the plan of land entitled "(Woodchuck Lot) Boundary Plan, Land of Roland & Joyce A. Barnard, Hopkinton, N.H., Scale

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I" = 200', Date: February 1, 1991," prepared by Ronald R. Burd, Civil Engineer & Land Surveyor, Brockway Road, Hopkinton, New Hampshire, recorded in the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds on October 24, 1991 as Plan No. 12244, meaning and intending to release all rights to only that portion of the Concord & Claremont Railroad corridor which abuts the property identified in the Warranty Deed from the Town of Hopkinton to the State of New Hampshire dated April 8, 2021 and recorded in the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds at Book 3732, Page 2853 (and also known as Hopkinton Tax Map 246, Lot 6)

This agreement is exempt from transfer tax under RSA 78-B:2,I.

This agreement is exempt from than	Stor tax under RDA 70-D.2,1.
Executed this q day of 500 \$	_, 2022.
	PINSLY RAILROAD COMPANY) INC. By:
	(signature) Printed Name:
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSE COUNTY OF <u>\</u>	IIIs Florida ©
The foregoing instrument was acknown	owledged before me this day of
June 2022 by Tromas	in his/her
Apacity as Notary Public State of Florida Carris Coteman My Commission HH 154038 Expires 07/18/2025	Notary Public My commission expires: 07-18-209 Notary Seal or Stamp:

Approved by NH Governor and Executive Council on ______, Agenda Item # ____