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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Rail & Transit
August 12, 2014

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 228:67, authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to transfer ownership and management of the Gerrish Depot on the Northern Railroad in Boscawen, NH to the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) at no cost for rehabilitation, historic preservation, and management as a recreational facility, effective upon Governor and Council approval.

EXPLANATION

In 1995 the State of New Hampshire acquired the abandoned Northern Railroad corridor, and several existing structures including the Gerrish Depot, from Boscawen to Lebanon in order to preserve the corridor for future transportation and recreational use. Previously, DOT transferred the management of 76 miles of the abandoned Northern Railroad Corridor to DRED with the understanding that the Department of Transportation could propose additional transfers if it determined that they are not likely to have a future transportation use. As no future rail transportation use is anticipated for the Gerrish Depot, the Department of Transportation therefore requests to transfer ownership and management of the Gerrish Depot to DRED so that the Depot can be integrated into DRED's overall management of the railroad corridor.

The Department of Transportation will continue to retain the right of first refusal on the future disposal of this property. In addition, under the terms of the original acquisition, the Department of Transportation will continue to retain the railroad easement, and the right to maintain any drainage or other facilities serving the adjacent highway, US Route 3.

The Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee approved the transfer on June 24, 2014.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Clement, Sr.
Commissioner

Attachments



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June 24, 2014

Shelley Winters, Administrator
Department of Transportation
Division of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit
John O. Morton Building
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Ms. Winters,

The Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 228:67, on June 24, 2014, approved the request from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail and Transit, to transfer ownership and management of the Gerrish Depot on the State-owned Northern Railroad in Boscawen, NH to the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), at no cost, for rehabilitation, historic preservation, and management as a recreational facility, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated May 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

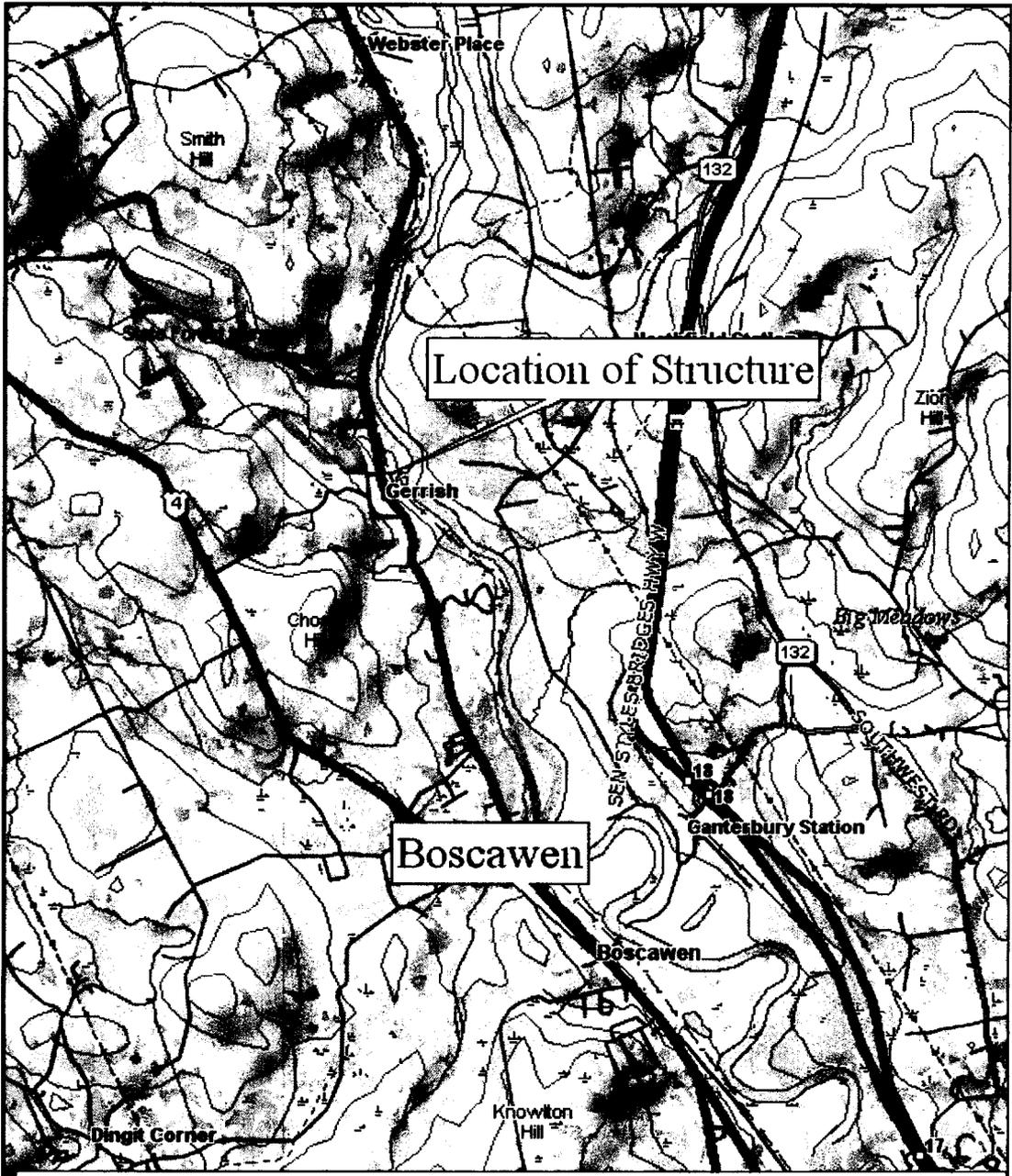
Cc: Jeffrey Rose, Commissioner
Benjamin Wilson, Director, Bureau of Historic Sites
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GERRISH DEPOT TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT




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No. 3 Water Rig

GERRISH

US Route 3

No. 9

Sec. Ho.

Depot 694+962
ring sig 695+480

STATE HIGHWAY

NO. 2

Iron Water Pipe

A R Ayers

Station 691+50
Valuation Section
32.1/14

P.S. 690+231

6" V.F. Sewer Pipe

A.R. Ayers

Whistle Post 689+65
FARM CROSSING
- Closed -

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Transfer of Management Responsibilities - NHDOT to NHDRED
Gerrish Depot, building and parking area adjacent to US Route 3 - Town of Boscawen