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November 18, 2019

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, Gifts to the State, authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation (Department) to accept a donation of a monument by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Hampshire (Society) worth an estimated value of \$4,600 to commemorate the meeting of Myles Standish and David Thompson at what would become Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, New Hampshire effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

**EXPLANATION**

In 1623, Pilgrim Captain Myles Standish was given cod fish by English Fisherman David Thompson to assist the struggling Plymouth Colony. David Thompson was an early settler to the "Pannaway" area now known as Odiorne Point State Park. The Society's donation is for the installation of the plaque and plinth. The Department will be responsible for its perpetual care. However, if vandalized or damaged the Society shall be responsible for its repair, removal or restoration at its cost.

Respectfully Submitted,

Concurred,

  
 Philip A. Bryce  
 Director

  
 Sarah L. Stewart  
 Commissioner



SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS  
IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sandra Taylor-Stockus  
New Hampshire Mayflower Society  
Junior Chair

November 13, 2019

Johanna Lyons  
State Park Planning and Development Specialist  
NH Division of Parks and Recreation

Good morning Johanna,

In 1623 Pilgrim Captain Myles Standish was given cod fish by English fisherman David Thompson to assist the struggling Plymouth Colony. This event demonstrates the historical significance of the Mayflower Compact monument being at the Odiorne Point State Park site.

Our 2020 Junior Commemoration Project is a significant celebration not just for the Mayflower descendants but for our entire country as the Plymouth Colony and the Mayflower Compact played such a vital role in the founding of our nation. 2020 is not only our 400 anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower but also the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Hampshire State Mayflower Society.

Therefore the New Hampshire Mayflower Society would like to donate a monument to commemorate the meeting of Myles Standish and David Thompson. The Mayflower Compact monument at Odiorne Point State Park will be tangible. There will be a dedication ceremony in the spring and an Illumination Ceremony Nov 11, 2020. Mayflower gatherings can be held at the park and individual Mayflower families can hike and picnic. Non-Mayflower individuals who enjoy this beautiful park will have access to additional information about this historic state park.

The cost of the cast bronze Mayflower Compact plaque is \$3,000.00

The cost of the plinth is \$1,100.00

The cost of installation is \$500.00

Thank you for your consideration,  
Sandra