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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
BUREAU OF HISTORIC SITES

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January 17, 2017

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

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Pursuant to RSA 12-A:10-f, authorize the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Historic Sites (Department) to accept an in-kind donation of \$50,000 from Red Bull North America of New York, NY for restoration construction services at the Nansen Ski Jump upon Governor and Executive Council approval.
2. Pursuant to RSA 12-A:10-e, IV and RSA 21-I:80, I (b), further authorize the Department to enter into a **RETROACTIVE** and **SOLE SOURCE** contract with Knollstone Contracting, LLC (VC #276809), Bow, NH, in the amount of \$61,344.06 for repairs and re-decking of the Nansen Ski Jump upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period of November 29, 2016 through February 28, 2017. **100% Agency Income**

Funding is available as follows:

03-35-35-350010-53120000  
Historic Site Fund  
048-500226 Contractual Maintenance B&G

**FY 2017**

\$61,344.06

**EXPLANATION**

Red Bull North America (Red Bull), through its media division, has been documenting the rehabilitation of US Olympic Ski Jumper Sarah Hendrickson after sustaining an injury during the 2015 season. Sarah is a past World Cup champion and widely known as the first woman to jump in the winter Olympics. The historic Nansen jump has deep family roots for Sarah based on the fact her father grew up in Plymouth and had the opportunity to jump at Nansen as a high school student. Red Bull's involvement in this project includes filming a jump by Sarah schedule for late February 2017. International attention will be drawn to NH and the historic jump leading up to the 2018 winter Olympics with the release of this documentary film. As Red Bull tells the story of the rehabilitation of Sarah, the history and restoration of the jump will be a parallel theme. Red Bull plans to initiate an annual event at the jump as a way to support the historic site, its maintenance and the region as an outdoor recreation destination. Red Bull is a primary partner of the State for the restoration work currently being performed at the historic Jump. As part of this partnership, Red Bull has graciously donated \$50,000 towards in-kind restoration construction services.

With the Nansen Ski Jump restoration and rehabilitation project currently underway, partnering with Red Bull will allow the Department to bring this neglected historic site back to its original glory. Knollstone Contracting, LLC is the contractor currently working with Red Bull on their estimated donation of \$50,000 of in-kind restoration construction services. With the equipment and personnel currently on site

and a tight project schedule, the Department will reduce its overall costs and complete the restoration project on a much smaller budget. For these reasons, retroactive and sole source approval of this contract with Knollstone Contracting, LLC is respectfully requested. The Department has also included letters from the City of Berlin and the Berlin & Coos County Historical Society who support the restoration efforts at Nansen Ski Jump.

In accordance with RSA 12-A:10-f, the State Historic Sites Fund is administered to support the duties of the Bureau of Historic Sites RSA 12-A:10-e to include per section IV "enter into partnerships and providing effective management of partnerships with other agencies and "friends" groups connected to the state's historic sites." The Department has been using the State Historic Sites Fund to restore historic sites across the state. This fund along with the Conservation Plate Fund program has been instrumental in the stewardship and restoration of the State's dedicated historic resources under the management of the Department. Examples include the restoration of the Weeks Estate, the Franklin Pierce Homestead, Robert Frost Farm, the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion, and the White Island Light house.

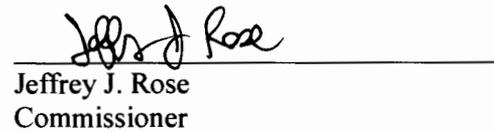
The Attorney General's Office has approved this contract as to form, substance and execution.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,



Philip A. Bryce  
Director



Jeffrey J. Rose  
Commissioner



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Phone – 646-725-8706 email – jenner.richard@us.redbull.com

Ben Wilson  
NH Bureau of Historic Sites  
172 Pembroke Road  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Ben,

Red Bull is excited to have the opportunity to donate to the NH Bureau of Historic Sites \$50,000.00 of in kind construction services for the restoration and interpretation of the Nansen Ski Jump. The completion of this important restoration work will allow Red Bull to produce and document the successful rehabilitation of Olympic ski jumper Sarah Hendrickson. This media documentary will have international exposure leading up to the 2018 Winter Olympics and will help introduce to the world the historic legacy of ski jumping in New England and specifically New Hampshire's role in ski jumping over the years.

It is the intention of Red Bull to partner with NH State Parks and the Friends of Nansen Committee to discuss future programming - not limited to *(public events, photo shoots, athlete projects)* at this historic site with the hopes of drawing attention to this region as a Nordic skiing destination.

Sincerely,  
Red Bull Sports Team

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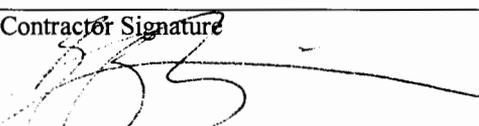
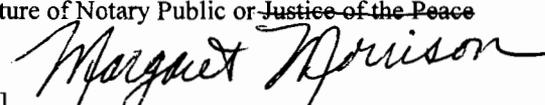
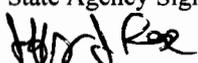
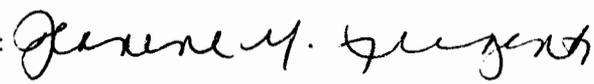
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The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

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1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-724-1312	1.6 Account Number 3405-0000-500226	1.7 Completion Date 2/28/17	1.8 Price Limitation \$61,344.06
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Benjamin H. Wilson, Dir. Bureau of Historic Sites		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-3556	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory GREGORY N BADER PRESIDENT / MANAGER, MEMBER	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>NH</u> , County of <u>MERRIMACK</u>  On <u>NOVEMBER 28, 2016</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or <del>Justice of the Peace</del>  [Seal]		MARGARET MORRISON, Notary Public State of New Hampshire My Commission Expires April 20, 2021	
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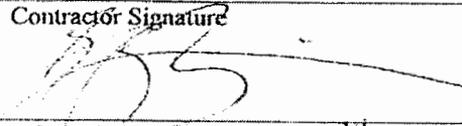
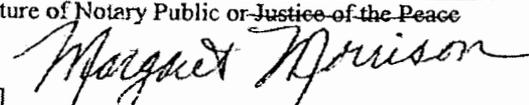
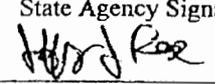
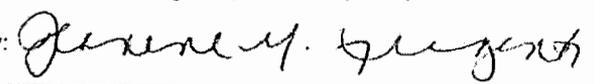
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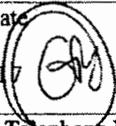
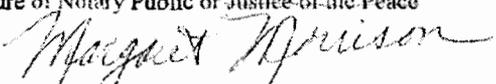
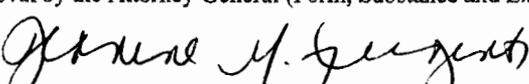
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**2. EMPLOYMENT OF CONTRACTOR/SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT A which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this



Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

#### **8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.**

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

#### **9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.**

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

**10. TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

**11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

**12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written notice and consent of the State.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### **14. INSURANCE.**

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate ; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

**17. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**18. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

**20. THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

**21. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

**23. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.

**Department of Resources and Economic Development  
Division of Parks and Recreation  
Bureau of Historic Sites**

**Nansen Ski Jump Repairs and Re-decking**

**EXHIBIT A**

**Summary of Services**

Knollstone Contracting, LLC shall adhere to the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Restoration / Rehabilitation in their performance of the following work:

1. Remove and dispose of all existing surface decking;
2. Re-deck all surface area in kind using treated wood to match existing;
3. Replace all side railings in kind to match existing;
4. Replace all wooden fixtures and fittings to match existing;
5. Repair all wooden components of existing staircases;
6. Keep the jobsite neat and orderly; and
7. Keep a photographic record of all work as it progresses through completion.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Contract Price**

Total contract not to exceed: \$61,344.06

**Method of Payment**

Payment shall be made within 30 days after receipt of an invoice and inspection by the Bureau of Historic Sites' Project Manager.

**Term**

This contract shall commence upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council with a completion date of February 28, 2017.

**EXHIBIT C**

There are no special or additional provisions to this contract.

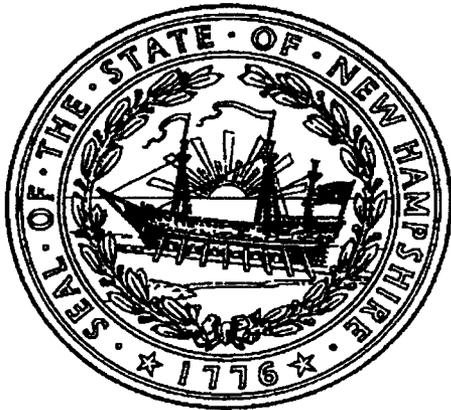
# State of New Hampshire

## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that KNOLLSTONE CONTRACTING, LLC is a New Hampshire Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on August 03, 2011. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 656160



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,  
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 21st day of October A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Gardner".

William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State

**Limited Partnership or LLC Certification of Authority**

I, GREGORY N BAKER, hereby certify that I am a Partner, Member or Manager  
(Name)

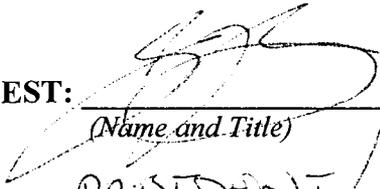
of KELLSTONE CONTRACTING LLC a limited liability partnership under RSA 304-B or limited  
(Name of Partnership or LLC)

liability company under RSA 304-C.

I certify that I am authorized to bind the partnership or LLC.

I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and that they have full authority to bind the partnership or LLC.

DATED: 11/28/16

ATTEST:   
(Name and Title)  
PRESIDENT/MEMBER





## City of Berlin, NH

November 28, 2016

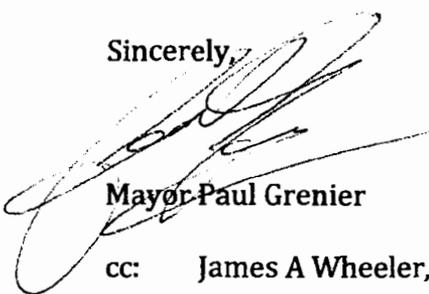
Governor Hassan and the NH Executive Council  
107 North Main Street, Rm 207  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Nansen Ski Jump Rehabilitation & Restoration Project

Dear Governor Hassan and Executive Councilors:

The Mayor and City Council of Berlin wishes to give its most enthusiastic support for the efforts being made by the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to restore the Nansen Ski Jump. The Nansen Ski Jump is an integral part of the City's history tied to Nordic skiing and ski jumping. While the ski jump has not been used in decades it is still a tourist attraction and is held in reverence by many citizens of the Androscoggin Valley. Rehabilitating the ski jump to a condition that would preserve this historic landmark so it can continue to be shared with future generations is something we strongly support. It has long been a part of the history and culture of our area. We appreciate DRED's commitment to keeping the integrity of this property intact and stand behind their vision and direction for this project wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,



Mayor Paul Grenier

cc: James A Wheeler, City Manager



# The Moffett House

## Berlin & Coos County Historical Society

November 24, 2016

Governor Hassan & NH Executive Council  
107 North Main Street, Room 207  
Concord, NH 03301

The Nansen Ski Jump is one of the most significant historic structures in Northern New Hampshire which played an important role in the sport of ski jumping in the United States and is a tribute to the local Scandinavian culture. Built in 1936/37, the "Big Nansen" was the tallest free standing ski jump in the world, towering 171.5 feet with a 310-foot runway. In 1938 the Olympic trials were held there, witnessed by 25,000 spectators, and broadcasted on 87 radio stations throughout the United States. Except for the war years, the Nansen Ski Club sponsored ski jumping at this venue every year until 1985. Events were attended by as many as 35,000 people. Four National Ski Jumping Championships occurred at the Nansen Ski Jump, along with several international competitions and Olympic tryouts. The History of this jump ties in with the history of the oldest continuous running ski club in the United States, the Nansen Ski Club, founded in 1872. Three of its members are in the National Ski Hall of Fame.

Approving the contract for the re-decking of the runway would be a significant step toward the restoration of this important structure. The Berlin & Coos County Historical Society (BCCHS) strongly supports the restoration of the Nansen Ski Jump, an important aspect of our local history and the sport of ski jumping in the United States. BCCHS encourages quick approval of this contract so that we may all witness this jump being used one more time in February.

Sincerely,

Walter J Nadeau  
Vice-President, Berlin & Coos County Historical Society