



# New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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February 19, 2016

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

## REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to accept the donation of 10.02 acres in the Town of Jefferson, New Hampshire, from Robert W. Durant upon date of Governor and Council approval.

## EXPLANATION

At the convergence of the Israel River and Stalbird Brook in the Town of Jefferson, is an undeveloped 10.02 acre parcel of land purchased by Robert W. Durant 1977. Mr. Durant is a retired school teacher, wildlife photographer and naturalist. His wish is to donate his property to the Fish and Game Department in support educational programs for young people that emphasize the function of our natural world.

There are no encumbrances on this property and it was surveyed in 1977. This donation will protect approximately 3000' of river frontage and is easily accessible and utilized by the general public for wildlife watching and shorebank angling.

Mr. Durant is an avid outdoorsman, hunter and angler. This donation was accepted by the NH Fish and Game Commission on November 18, 2015, and has an assessed value of \$19,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Normandeau  
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte  
Chief, Support Services

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

**DATE** February 17, 2016

**FROM:** Christopher G. Aslin  
Assistant Attorney General

**AT (OFFICE)** Department of Justice  
Environmental Protection Bureau

**SUBJECT:** Durant Donation, 10.02 acres, Couture Road, Jefferson, NH

**TO:** Betsey McNaughten, Land Agent  
New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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The Office of the Attorney General has reviewed the title work, Warranty Deed, and supporting documents, as outlined in your memo dated February 9, 2016, for the property located in the Town of Jefferson, New Hampshire owned by Robert W. Durant, and pursuant to RSA 212:7 approves the title of the property for acquisition. The Warranty Deed provided is approved for form and substance only. Following approval by Governor and Council, the fully executed Warranty Deed should be submitted to this office for approval of execution prior to recording the Warranty Deed in the Register of Deeds.

  
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Christopher G. Aslin

Mail to:  
NH Fish & Game Department  
11 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

THE WITHIN CONVEYANCE IS  
A TRANSFER TO THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE AND PURSUANT  
TO RSA 78-B:2(I) IT IS EXEMPT  
FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REAL  
ESTATE TRANSFER TAX.

## WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that **ROBERT W. DURANT**, of 11 Prospect Street, Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584, for consideration paid, (herein after the Grantor) grants to **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** acting by and through its **Fish and Game Department** with an address of 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 (herein after NHFG),

with **WARRANTY COVENANTS**,

A certain parcel of land lying on the northern and southern sides of the of Flaherty Road so-called, in the Town of Jefferson, County of Coös, State of New Hampshire, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southerly intersect of the Israel River and Stalbird Brook; Thence South along the westerly edge of Stalbird Brook 1,540 feet to an iron pin (set); Thence S 80°W, 573 feet, more or less, to an iron pin (set); Thence N 05°45'E, 448 feet, more or less, to an iron pin (set); Thence S 66°W, 24 feet; more or less, to the edge of the Israel River; Thence northerly along the easterly edge of the Israel River 580 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Containing in all 10.02 acres, more or less

The forgoing description is taken from a plan entitled "Lot Enlargement of Wilfred and Cora Couture, Jefferson, NH, August 27, 1977" prepared by Donald H. Doolan, surveyor, said plan having been approved by the Town of Jefferson Planning Board September 13, 1977, not as a subdivision, but as an addition to the property of an abutter. Said plan is recorded at Pocket 3, Folder 3, Plan #36, Coös County Registry of Deeds, and is incorporated into this description by reference hereto.

Meaning and intending to describe and convey the same premises heretofore conveyed to Robert W. Durant, by Warranty Deed of Wilfred E. and Cora A. Couture, dated September 23, 1977 at Book 601, Page 262, Coös County Registry of Deeds.

Excepting any interest which may exist in the Right of Way of Flaherty Road, so-called, said road being discontinued by Town vote in 1942.

The property herein described is donated to NHFG subject to the Grantor's restriction prohibiting the use of motorized wheeled vehicles on the property.

Also known as Town of Jefferson Tax Map 1, Lot 33-E. The property is not subject to any back taxes or tax liens.

SUBJECT TO current use tax assessment as recorded in Book 621, Page 159.

NOT HOMESTEAD PROPERTY.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Durant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, hereby certify that Robert W. Durant personally appeared before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and acknowledged the foregoing Warranty Deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace [seal]  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTED:**

Accepted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director

Approved by the NH Governor and Executive Council: \_\_\_\_\_

November 6, 2015

TO: Fish & Game Commissioners & Staff  
FROM: Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA – **NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

The public is entitled to attend all Commission Meetings and when recognized by the Chairman, the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Chairman reserves the right to limit public comments to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1.) Approval of the October 14, 2015 Commission Minutes. (T. Tichy)

2.) Consent Agenda - The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission may vote to approve these matters as presented. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

2a.) Approval to accept a \$2,000.00 donation from the Marshall Family, Northborough, MA, in memory of Steven Marshall, who perished while hiking the Champney Fall Trail, Madison, NH. (K. Jordan)

2b.) Approval to accept a \$10,000.00 donation from the Great Bay Stewards, to support temporary staff hours dedicated to education & volunteer coordination. (C. Riley)

3.) Presentation relative to invasive species legislation. (T. O'Brien –NH Lakes Assoc.)

3a.) Presentation by the NH Timberland Owner's Association. (T. Tichy)

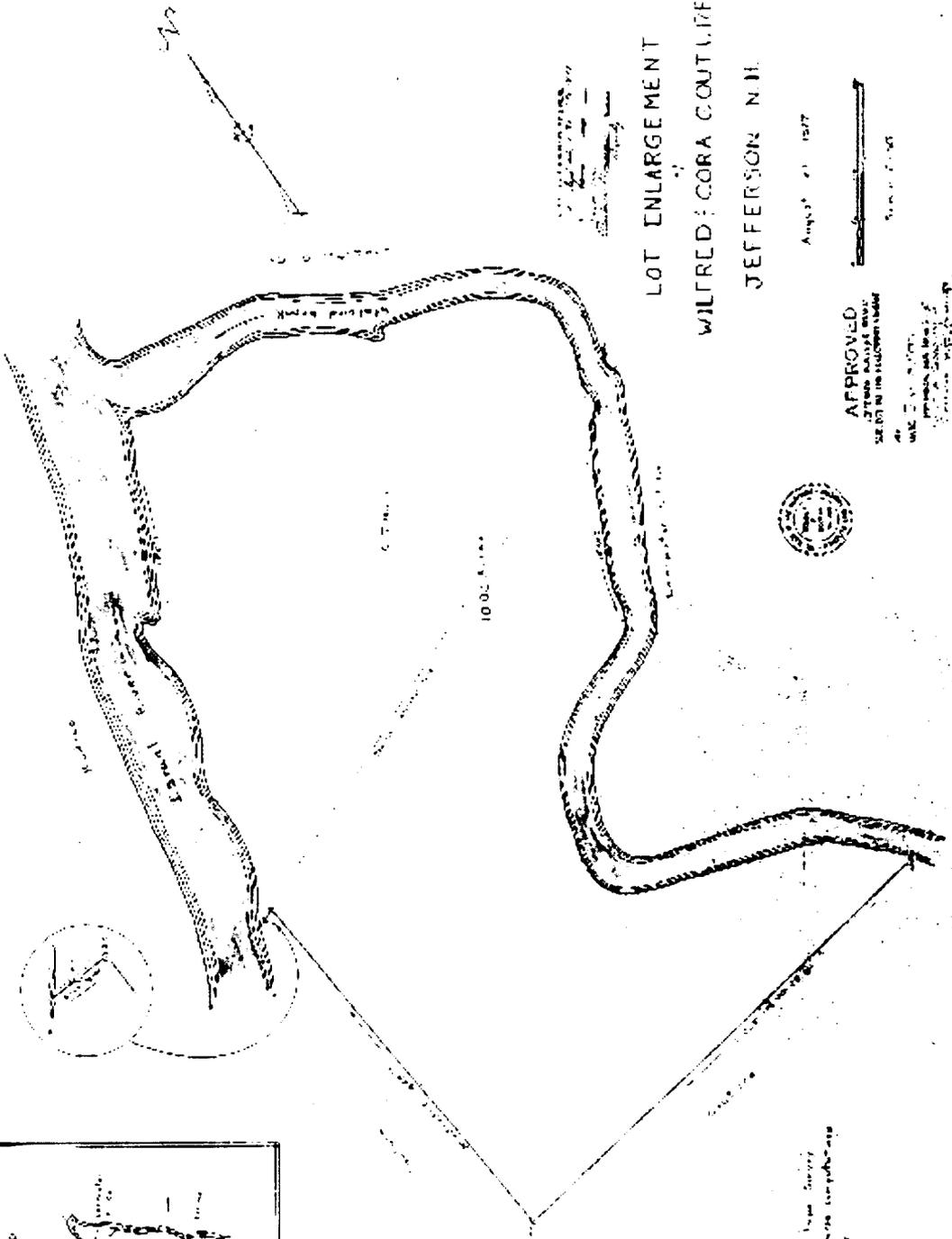
\* 4.) Approval to accept the donation of 10.2 acres in the Town of Jefferson from Robert Durant. (B. McNaughten/L. Webb)

5.) Approval of the FY'16 Game Management and Wildlife Habitat Management budgets. (M. Ellingwood)

6.) Approval to expend \$2,304.00 in Game Management funds in support of a test to detect *P. tenuis* in the blood of moose and deer. (M. Ellingwood)



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LOT ENLARGEMENT  
 WILFRED CORA COUTURE  
 JEFFERSON N.H.

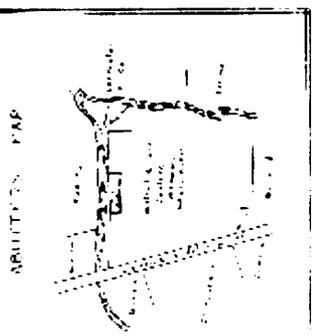
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APPROVED  
 ATTEST: MAJOR BRADY  
 DEPUTY TO THE REGISTRAR



Note: Containing a large survey  
 of the same property  
 as above



MAJORITY'S MAP