



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR THE BISSONETTE FAMILY FIELDS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, under Public Law 88-578, has authorized the establishment of a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant-In-Aid Program, providing matching funds to the State of Vermont, its political subdivisions and Indian Tribes for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and applications to the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project application is consistent with the current Vermont Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hinesburg certifies that it will comply with all appropriate State and Federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the preliminary and final applications and with grant administration, in particular with regard to project boundaries and permanent control and tenure of the project site; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hinesburg certifies that matching funds in the amount of \$281,621.72 are available for the project, and can be used to finance the project including the reimbursable portion related to any awarded Conservation Fund grant amounts at a 50:50 match ratio; and

WHEREAS, the matching funds are comprised of \$231,118.49 in investment income, fundraising, and municipal funds; \$50,502.23 spent to date on the project; and \$150,000 in land value; and

WHEREAS, the Bissonette Family Fields project is compatible with the land use plans of the Town of Hinesburg; and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Hinesburg appoints the Town Administrator as the agent of the Town to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Selectboard of the Town of Hinesburg approves the filing of an application for Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) assistance; understanding that if funded by LWCF, the land for the project is bound **in perpetuity** for recreational purposes.

RESOLVED, by the Selectboard of the Town of Hinesburg, on the 9th day of February 2015.

Jonathan Trefry, Chair

Michael Bissonette, Vice-Chair

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