



RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PLYMOUTH AS THE DESTINATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND ECO-TOURISM

Whereas, the outstanding natural features in Plymouth and the greater Plymouth Area combined with the long standing efforts of many organizations and individuals to enable access and provide protection of our natural resources for the general citizenry; and

Whereas, Plymouth's unique geographic position as a major cross roads with the confluence of two large river valleys between the Squam and Newfound Lakes and bordering the White Mountain National Forest provides overwhelming support to the determination that Plymouth is now the de facto destination for environmental studies and eco-tourism; and

Whereas, Plymouth now has the opportunity to integrate our vast natural resources with our present municipal, commercial, educational and dedicated organizations in a collaborative effort; and

Whereas, Plymouth's Planning Board recently conducted a citizen survey which indicated that protection of natural resources is of very high importance to the respondents; and

Whereas, Plymouth's Conservation Commission has worked diligently to develop public access to natural areas through hiking and skiing trails and educational programs; and

Whereas, Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department has developed natural resource areas as well; and

Whereas, Plymouth's Energy Commission has been very active developing energy conservation measures and plans for renewable energy; and

Whereas, Plymouth State University, our Public Schools, private schools, and private organizations have all developed programs to promote environmental awareness; and

Whereas, Plymouth has large areas that need to be included in planning for access and protection, such as the Oxbow wetland complex, the Pemi and Baker River corridors' environmentally sensitive zones, Loon Lake, and Town owned land on Tenney Mountain; and

Whereas, the Greater Plymouth Area has outstanding features also, such as Livermore Falls State Park, Squam Lakes with the Science Center of NH, Rumney Rocks climbing areas, Stinson Lake, Polar Caves, Boating and swimming on Newfound Lake, Sawhegenet Falls in Bridgewater, the National Forest Head Quarters, Hubbard Brook Experimental Research Station, and Major Ski Areas; and

Whereas, by recognizing Plymouth as the Destination for Environmental studies and Eco-Tourism, the Town of Plymouth is sending a message that Here is the Place to enjoy nature and learn about our environment; and

Whereas, this action will put Plymouth on the map, in a strong position to organize and develop planning for our future economy and educational endeavors; and

Whereas, Plymouth will be in a stronger position to develop funding for future projects

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Plymouth Select Board, do hereby agree to recognize:

“Plymouth as a destination for environmental studies and eco-tourism”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal of the Town of Plymouth on this twenty fourth Day of April, 2017.

John Randlett, Chair

William Bolton

Neil McIver

Michael Ahern

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