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Chief Philip V. Consentino Atkinson Police Department PO Box 321 Atkinson, NH 03811

Registration requirements

Our file #17233

Dear Chief Consentino:

Re:

I have reviewed the letter that you sent to me in April. I have also reviewed the fundraising activities and oversight of the funds with Sandra at the Town Office.

Because the funds are raised through public solicitation and are used for charitable purposes, it is required that a charitable trust be formed and registered with this office. It is considered to be a public charity. The Town cannot hold charitable funds unless all activity and funds are held and reported through the Trustees of Trust Funds report. I have confirmed with Sandra that this is not being done in this manner. Sandra did confirm that the funds are held in a separate account, expenditures must be approved by the Board of Selectmen, and you do not personally have possession of the funds or checkbook.

I have enclosed a copy of our guidebook as well as an application of registration for your convenience.

Please contact me if you have questions or required assistance in forming the charitable trust.

Very truly yours,

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