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Keep Maine Scenic Committee Appointments

This is in response to your memo dated December 28, 1973, inquiring whether or not members of the Keep Maine Scenic Committee should be appointed in the manner in which they were appointed by the Governor prior to reorganization. As you pointed out in your memo, it is the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation who now appoints members of this Committee. The mere fact that the appointing authority is the Commissioner of the Department rather than the Governor, however, does not affect the form in which the appointments of the Committee members should be made. Accordingly, I believe that the Committee members should be appointed by the Commissioner, in writing (this may be by certificate or by letter) and that the Committee members should take the oath of office specified in Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Maine.

Please let me know if I can provide assistance to you in connection with the letters of appointment, the oath, or otherwise.

Kind regards.

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