May 30, 2018

Ms. Jane Doe, Juvenile Clerk

9th Circuit-Family Division-Anytown

123 Court Street

Anycity, NH 04567

**IN THE MATTER OF: Sally Smith, DOB: 1/2/13**

**Docket Number: 789-2016-JV-1112**

**DATE OF HEARING: June 14, 2018**

Dear Ms. Doe,

**History:** Sally has been in foster care since she was 3 years old and was placed in my foster home on May 14, 2016. She attended kindergarten this past year and is almost 5 ½ years old.

**Status of Child in Care/Observations:**

It continues to be a joyful experience to continue caring for Sally and watch her grow. As this foster parent has written in the past, Sally is an inquisitive, happy and fun-loving little girl.

Sally enjoyed going to kindergarten this past school season and attended gymnastics two times per week in a local gymnasium. She is an attentive, highly aware of her surroundings, active and entertaining child who engages others easily with her expressive ways and infectious smile. Sally enjoys showing off her ability to do somersaults and more recently cartwheels. She loves to swim in our pool and enjoys going camping with our family up north.

**Personality:**

Sally is a humorous, smart and tenacious child who has a kind, peaceful and sweet disposition. In addition to gymnastic, she likes to put on “shows” to show off her latest singing and dancing moves, as well as her gymnastic tricks. Sally shrieks with delight when she plays tag and hide-and-seek with both adults and other children. She loves to help around the house and appeared to have great fun helping my family repaint our outside storage shed.

**Education:**

Sally attended The Little Red Schoolhouse kindergarten 2017-2018 and will progress to 1st grade in September. The teachers have described her as focused and eager to learn. They noted that she appears particularly talented in art and that she is an above average reader for her age.

**Medical/Dental Information:**

According to Sally’s pediatrician she is up-to- date on her immunizations. Her last well-child pediatrician appointment was January 21, 2018 and her next pre-school physical is scheduled for August 27, 2018. Sally also has an upcoming eye doctor appointment (7/22/18) and a dentist appointment (6/26/17), both of which were also set up by her mother back in January.

**Visits and Current Status of Child’s Reactions after Visits:**

*Father*

Sally has visits three times month with her father in The Federal Correctional Institution in Berlin. Sally draws pictures for her dad about what she does in our home and brings it with her to her visit. I bring Sally to visit with her father once a month for the designated weekend visitation. All other visits are facilitated by a parent aide from Child and Family Services: dates and times vary, but tend to be twice a month.

Sally is tired after her visits to Berlin as the round-trip totals almost five hours. On weekend visits she talks about her father on the way home and questions why he doesn’t live in a house like she does. The parent aide reports Sally is quiet when she transports her home from visits. Sally does not exhibit any unusual behaviors post-visits with the exception of having a difficult time going to sleep at night.

*Mother*

Sally’s mother did not arrive for three of her pre-scheduled visits in February of this year. Sally has had no visits with her mother since the last court hearing on March 15, 2018.

**Professional Contacts:** This foster parent is in touch by phone, email or text most often on a bi-monthly basis with DCYF CPSW Ann Silver and a bi-weekly basis with CASA Mr. Rogers. Home visits take place once a month with DCYF as well as CASA.

**Willingness of the Foster Parent to Adopt or Become a Legal Guardian:** This foster parent is absolutely willing to make a permanent commitment to Sally if reunification is not achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Jones

*Foster Parent*

*May 30, 2018*