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FINAL Minutes – September 24, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT (via remote participation)

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives (with Michael Klass)
Tracy Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (alone)
Amy Clark, Designee, NH Department of Education (alone)
Tim Drew, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services (alone)
Shawn Jasper, Commissioners, Department of Agriculture (alone)
John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services (alone)
Stephen McLocklin, Designee, Department of Administrative Services (alone)
Marta Modigliani, Designee, NH Department of Safety (alone)
Jack Ruderman, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority (alone)
Scott Mason, Director, NH Fish and Game Department (alone)
Adam Smith, Designee, NH Department of Transportation (alone)

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:32 AM by Chairman Chicoine who began with a right-to-know compliance checklist as this was a virtual meeting. He finished with a roll call for CORD member attendance.

II. MINUTES – Approval of August 20, 2020 draft minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Commissioner Jasper, seconded by Mr. Martin, the August 20, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously by the Council with Ms. Clark, Mr. McLocklin, and Mr. Mason abstaining (via roll call vote).

III. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

A. Kelsey Notch Trail 3-Year Assessment

Director Chicoine started by acknowledging the voluminous amount of public comment received and, because of which, he feels CORD should take additional time to consider the assessment. He continued by suggesting that CORD not vote today to allow for more time. That said, he thinks CORD should discuss the issue today and raise any questions about the public comments or the issue in general. A group discussion would be beneficial to the process. He then

suggested going agency by agency to allow for questions to be raised in an organized fashion, beginning with Ms. Boisvert.

Ms. Boisvert agreed on the multitude of information that CORD received on this topic. She then referred to DNCR's prior presentation and its written submission. DNCR's recommendation is that CORD vote that additional information is necessary to determine whether ATV/UTV use on the trail is consistent as opposed to permanently closing or permanently opening the trail at this point. She noted that DNCR staff were available on the call to answer any questions.

Ms. Clark stated that she was looking forward to more discussion and agreed that holding off to give more time was a good idea.

Mr. Drew also felt more time to review the comments was appropriate.

Commissioner Jasper expressed potential concern about whether the use of ATVs on the trail was inconsistent with the deed. He did not believe that ATVs and snowmobiles were similar types of vehicles. He understands how important the use of this trail is to the north county, but CORD needs to be cognizant of the deed. Director Chicoine suggested that discussions concerning the easement deed's interpretation would benefit if CORD was able to meet with its attorney in a non-meeting first.

Mr. Martin concurred with holding off on the vote and to consult with counsel.

Mr. McLocklin agreed to vote at a later date.

Mr. Ruderman echoed Commissioner's Jasper comments and the analysis raised a serious question of whether the use of ATVs under the easement is permissible. Great idea to consult with counsel. Also, perhaps CORD should ask for a formal opinion from the AG's office, given the sensitive nature of this issue.

Ms. Modigliani agreed about postponing any formal opinion, and further agreed that consulting with legal counsel before such a decision would be helpful. She then asked if Fish and Game requested additional time for the pilot program to get more information because of the change in personnel? Director Mason responded that to the best of his knowledge, no.

Director Mason had no comment.

Mr. Smith agreed with prior comments. He did not believe it was the right time for a decision and supported conferring with counsel. He would like to understand what additional info would be necessary as requested by DNCR and F&G.

Hearing no other questions or comments, Director Chicoine moved to the next agenda item.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Smart Growth Report Update

Mr. Klass reminded CORD members of his email from the September 14th that included a smart growth survey, which also went out the regional planning commissions and all municipalities in the state. Responses are requested by October 12th.

B. Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2020 (with a non-meeting to take place in the interim).

MOTION: With business completed, Ms. Ruderman moved to adjourn the meeting, which Ms. Modigliani seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote). (Due to apparent IT issues, Mr. Drew's vote was unheard.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

Reminder – Tentative 2020 Meeting Dates

January 9	March 12	May 14 (remote meeting)
August 20 (remote meeting)	September 24 (remote meeting)	November 12 (remote meeting)