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Final Minutes – January 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Stephen McLocklin, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services
Tracey Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Christopher Way, Designee, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs
William Ray, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority
Steve LaBonte, Designee, NH Department of Transportation
Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, NH Fish and Game Department
Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
Marta Modigliani, Designee, NH Department of Safety
Elizabeth Muzzey, non-voting member, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Noah Hodgetts, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Steven Walker, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Dijit Taylor, Executive Director, LCHIP
Jared Nylund, NH Department of Administrative Services
Christopher Miller, NH Housing Finance Authority
Josh Harrison, NH Department of Justice

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:31 AM by Chairman Chicoine. CORD members and guests introduced themselves.

II. LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Dijit Taylor - Executive Director, LCHIP. Distribution of Community Conservation Endowment monitoring funds (RSA 227-M:12).

Ms. Taylor commented that this is an annual request to expend monies from the LCHIP Community Conservation Endowment to encourage stewardship of LCHIP properties and noted that two formulas determine how much money is given to recipients.

MOTION: Mr. Ray moved to endorse expending up to \$200/recipient up to \$79,000 from the LCHIP Community Conservation Endowment for incentive payments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Way. The Council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

III. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW - 2018 SLR 007 (Concord)

Request from NH Department of Administrative Services to grant a perpetual utility easement on State land as needed to provide electrical and telecommunications utility service to the new steam boiler building currently under construction at 33 Green Street in Concord.

Jared Nylund, the Real Property Manager at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) gave an overview of 2018 SLR 007. In 2017 Concord Steam closed, which created a need to complete a steam conversion project to heat the State House, State House Annex, and State Library. The new steam boiler building is located on a parcel at the corner of School and Green Streets in downtown Concord. Unitil has requested a utility easement to install a new utility pole on the parcel to bring electricity and telecommunications to the building to complete construction. In response to a question from Mr. Way, Mr. Nylund stated that he didn't believe the pole would be any taller than the existing pole in the right of way and that the movement of the pole came at the request of the City of Concord.

MOTION: Director Normandeau moved to recommend approval of 2018 SLR 007, which was seconded by Ms. Boisvert. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council with Mr. McLocklin abstaining.

[Note: Ms. Modigliani arrived at 9:40 A.M.]

IV. SMART GROWTH UPDATE

New Hampshire Housing

Christopher Miller, the Managing Director of Management & Development at the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA) presented about NHHFA's smart growth scoring criteria for different funding programs.

[Note: Presentation slides will be available online on OSI's website.]

Ms. Muzzey stated that the Division of Historical Resources has worked with NH Housing on a number of housing projects and that many of the mill conversion projects have also received historic preservation tax credits after meeting many community goals. Mr. Miller said that historic preservation partnerships go a long way to preserving historic mills such as Cotton Mill in Nashua while providing much needed workforce housing in a downtown close to jobs. Ms. Muzzey further observed that these projects often are a catalyst for other redevelopment efforts as occurred in Nashua, Newmarket, and Dover. Mr. Miller noted that the redevelopment of the

Concord Lumberyard started with the preservation of the Page Belting mill, which was a catalyst for the construction of a hotel and conference center. Mr. Ray noted that while NHHFA is an affordable housing finance agency it encourages the construction of all types of housing to increase the state's housing supply. Mr. Miller said NHHFA aspires to finance and build more mixed income housing projects with a market rate component in markets that can support such projects with the understanding that federal tax credits require a certain number of housing units be income restricted.

V. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

Land Conservation Endowment Fund. Request for authorization to amend custodial agreement to reflect staff changes.

Mr. Klass explained that the custodial agreement swaps out some names to address staffing changes at OSI. Chairman Chicoine noted that the agreement addresses a vacancy in the OSI business office. Ms. Boisvert observed that this agreement with Treasury concerns how LCIP money is invested.

MOTION: Mr. Way moved to authorize Chairman Chicoine to sign the amended LCIP Custodial Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ray and approved unanimously by the Council.

VI. MINUTES

Approval of November 8, 2018 draft minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Way, seconded by Director Normendeau, the November 8, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously by the Council with Ms. Modigliani abstaining.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

FYI - Ride the Wilds Article. Mr. Klass noted that the Ride the Wilds article was included for information purposes only and didn't require the Council to take any action.

Director Normendeau noted that the Council may receive an SLR request for a Fish and Game property in Brentwood at a future meeting.

Chairman Chicoine reminded the Council that the next meeting will be on March 14, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

Ms. Boisvert inquired into the status of the Wild Goose matter. Chairman Chicoine stated that he didn't know what the next step was. Director Normendeau said Fish and Game is still looking at its options which all rely on Fish and Game retaining ownership of Wild Goose. Chairman Chicoine stated that he did not believe there was a requirement that CORD act further and observed that the Council was in a holding pattern at this point.

MOTION: With business completed, Commissioner Jasper moved to adjourn the meeting, which Mr. LaBonte seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.