



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

CORD Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Time: 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Location: Department of Business and Economic Affairs

Kinsman Conference Room

100 N. Main Street Concord, NH 03301

FINAL AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of January 20, 2022 draft minutes

III. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW

A. 2021 SLR 005 (West Stewartstown)
Request from the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to dispose of .1355
acres of land with a small portion of area being used as a part of the North Stratford to
Beecher Falls Rail Trail.

B. 2021 SLR 006 (Londonderry)

Request from the NH Bureau of Rail and Transit to lease approximately 40,000 sq ft of railroad line in the Town of Londonderry to an abutter for the storage of landscape materials per RSA 228:57, which allows the leasing of State-owned properties to landowner's property that abuts the railroad property, and the proposed use does not adversely impact the use of the property by the State or other authorized users.

C. 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, Vt) Request from the Bureau of Rail & Transit to propose to grant an easement over a parcel approx. 1320 sq ft of railroad land in the Town of Lundenburg, Vermont to Green Street Power Partners, a lessee of an abutting property, for installation, use, and maintenance of an overhead electrical facility per RSA 228:57, which allows for leasing of state-owned railroad property to a railroad operator or other public use.

IV. LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

A. Nothing at this time.

V. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

A. Monitoring Update-Perkins Easement, Tamworth.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS





New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

DRAFT MINUTES - January 20, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Taylor Caswell, Chair, Commissioner, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Foods John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services Adam Smith, Designee, NH Department of Transportation Joseph Bouchard, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services Tracey Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Mark Sanborn, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services Amy Clark, Designee, NH Department of Education Ben Frost, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Paula Bellemore, NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program Allen Brooks, NH Department of Justice Steven Walker, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program Matt Leahy, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 3:03 P.M. by Chairman Caswell. Council members and guests then introduced themselves.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of November 8, 2021 draft minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Commissioner Jasper, seconded by Mr. Sanborn, the November 8, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously by the Council with Ms. Clark and Mr. Frost abstaining.

III. LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

A. Request for distribution of Community Conservation Endowment monitoring funds

Paula Bellemore, Executive Director of LCHIP, stated that LCHIP annually comes before the Council to seek approval to expend monies from the Community Conservation Endowment (CCE) fund. In 2021 LCHIP put \$390,000 into the CCE. At the end of November (2021) there was a balance of \$7.5 million in the account. She noted that the purpose of the CCE is to support monitoring of LCHIP supported conservation and historic resources by state agencies, non-profits, and municipalities across the state. LCHIP does so by providing mini grants for successful completion of monitoring of these properties. Since 2013 LCHIP has been paying out \$200 per share. This year LCHIP is proposing increasing the amount to \$250 per share, which is still a nominal fee for an organization going to monitor a property, photo document historical resources inside and outside of it, and providing extensive written documentation. LCHIP will likely consider another increase over the next five years, but for now plan to stay at \$250. Ms. Bellemore said she plans to bring this request to the LCHIP Board of Directors meeting on April 4, 2022 as the January meeting was postponed.

Ms. Bellemore requested approval to expend up to \$120,000 from the CCE for this purpose.

In response to a question from Mr. Bouchard, Ms. Bellemore stated that an example of a high-risk project would be a land conservation agricultural project as they are particularly difficult to monitor due to more complex terms and because the use is constantly evolving. Larger tracts are also more difficult to monitor. For history resources, a lot of time it is compatibility of use. Historical preservation has a lot of restrictions on the use of the building which usually requires a more hands on approach.

Mr. Smith asked how long the cost per unit has been \$200. Ms. Bellemore responded that it is has been \$200 since 2013.

MOTION: Commissioner Jasper mad a motion seconded by Mr. Sanborn to approve a unit value increase from \$200.00 to \$250.00, and expenditure of up to \$120,750 from the LCHIP Community Conservation Endowment for the purpose of supporting acceptable and timely monitoring of LCHIP-assisted resources by state agencies, local municipalities, and qualifying nonprofit corporations in 2021, contingent upon approval by the LCHIP Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

IV. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

A. Monitoring Update

NH DOJ Assistant Attorney General Allen Brooks reminded the Council that it oversees land obtained through the LCIP program. 16 years ago, Council members would have had no idea that it oversees conservation land because the land acquired by the LCIP program was managed by other state agencies with no issues. As issues arose, LCIP properties did come before the Council. The first LCIP property was Haunted Overload, over a question of whether a haunted amusement park could partially be located on LCIP conservation land. The Conservation Land Stewardship Program after wrestling with this question realized that the Council was the body that had to decide. The Council investigated the issue and eventually decided the haunted amusement park had to be moved to another site.

The Wild Goose boat ramp was the next issue the Council had to deal with. The issue started with Fish & Game saying they wanted the boat ramp and then saying they didn't want the boat ramp unknowingly without consulting the Council. Attorney Brooks said that state agencies such as Fish & Game simply administer oversight of the land, but the Council maintains ownership. The Council again oversaw this process and came to a decision.

The next project was Nash Stream including the Kelsey Notch Trail. For many years DRED was managing this project and making good decisions without any oversight or engaging the Council. All this authority comes under RSA 162-C:6. The Council has some simple tasks as described, which are not so simple to implement. Paragraph III details the Council's oversight responsibilities: (1) look at conservation values of lands; (2) examine documents showing property transfers and intent of parties; (3) balance public access and conservation. Wild Goose taught us that that balancing act is discretionary. Attorney Brooks said he won both cases before the NH Supreme Court that the Wild Goose boat ramp should be built and then when it wasn't going to be built based on successfully arguing that these were both policy decisions for the Council and not the Court to decide.

Attorney Brooks stated that this leads us to today, where there is an issue up in Tamworth (not sure if on today's meeting agenda) where there was a property transfer which shouldn't have taken place under the conservation easement. The landowner is working on an amendment to the conservation easement, to bring this issue into compliance. The Council will have to evaluate this proposed amendment to the conservation easement under paragraph III. Conservation easements that are for public benefit are also

subject to the charitable trust law and must gain approval by the Probate Court. Attorney Brooks said that the Council will have to have some legal discussions about this at a future meeting.

Attorney Brooks said that the Council dealt with a similar issue up in Canaan at the Polo Grounds. He reminded the Council that typically with conservation easements you are not allowed to subdivide land and sell land into separate ownerships. For example, if there are four lots in separate ownership you can't sell off two of the lots. That is what happened up in in Cannon and Tamworth. He said that the more times conservation easements get subdivided, the more landowners you must monitor, which makes compliance more difficult.

Chairman Caswell asked if there is a robust process for undertaking this review beyond just distributing documents to Council members to review and discuss. Attorney Brooks responded that the statute doesn't set out a specific process beyond that the conservation commission needs to be notified 30 days in advance. He said he did notify the Tamworth Conservation Commission of this issue, but this is one of the reasons why he didn't want this item on today's meeting agenda to give the Conservation Commission adequate time to review.

Attorney Brooks said he learned from prior cases that typically it takes more than one meeting to get through these issues since RSA 91-A doesn't allow for Council members to discuss this meeting outside of Council meetings. It is unlikely that the Council will receive all the information it needs to make an informed decision in one meeting.

Ms. Boisvert asked Attorney Brooks if would be helpful to review the part of the statute which prohibits the Council from disposing of conservation land through the surplus land review process. Attorney Brooks responded that Paragraph III states the Council can exchange interests in state-owned conservation lands if conservation values would otherwise be degraded without such action. Ms. Boisvert clarified that she was referring to Section 10. Attorney Brooks said there is another applicable section of the statute which he will go over in more detail at a future meeting. He said that this came up with the Sewalls Falls Bridge. He also noted that the Department of Transportation has a specific process for determining public benefit. He said there are specific processes for seeking General Court approval through the legislature when required.

Attorney Brooks noted that RSA 91-A doesn't apply when meeting with him as individual Council members or as a collective body. He clarified that he didn't think it was necessary to make today's meeting a non-meeting since everything he spoke about was public information.

He said he would provide further information on this matter prior to the next Council meeting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Annual Nash Stream Forest Reports

Ms. Boisvert said that DNCR submitted the Annual Nash Stream Forest Report. She clarified that Nash Stream is the largest LCIP acquisition of almost 40,000 acres of land in the North Country, owned in fee by the state, and managed by DNCR. The Annual Report included in today's meeting packet is being submitted to the Council because of a vote by the Council on December 8, 2016, relative to the use of OHRVs in Nash Stream. One of the requirements of this action was for DNCR to submit an Annual Report on OHRV use in Nash Stream to the Council. Ms. Boisvert noted that she circulated an updated version of the Annual Report, which should be considered the official version, which corrected erroneous trail counter data which was in the original Annual Report. She said the packet also contains other documentation relative to action that the Council took on March 11, 2021, which includes providing trail counter data on OHRV use on the Kelsey Notch Trail. Initially OHRV use was approved on the Kelsey Notch Trail as part of a three-year pilot. On January 14, 2021, the Council extended the Kelsey Notch

Pilot for an additional two years. At the March 11, 2021 meeting the Council asked for additional information to be included in the Annual Report. The agreement, which is also part of the packet, between Fish and Game, the DNCR Trails Bureau, and the Division of Forests and Lands to cooperatively manage OHRV use in Nash Stream was updated as of October 2021 to contain some of these new monitoring conditions and update the parties to the agreement.

Ms. Boisvert said she wasn't prepared to answer additional questions about the content of the report, but said she could reach out to DNCR colleagues to get answers to specific questions.

In response to a question from Chairman Caswell, Ms. Boisvert said the Council's approval of OHRV use on Kelsey Notch Trail was effective until January 2023. At that time the Council will have to decide whether to close the trail to OHRV use, allow the trail to remain open to OHRV use or request additional information.

Steven Walker introduced himself as director of the Conservation Land Stewardship Program, which is administratively attached to DAS. Mr. Walker said if Council members want to learn more about the CLS program he suggested they review the LCIP's Annual Report, which Mr. Walker presented to the Council last fall, or reach out to him directly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 P.M.





New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

MEMORANDUM

то:	CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Via Email Distribution Lists (Bcc)	Coos County Board of Commissioners c/o Jennifer Fish P.O. Box 10 West Stewartstown, NH 03597 Via Email (jennifer.fish@cooscountynh.us)
	Town of Stewartstown Board of Selectmen PO Box 119 West Stewartstown, NH 03597 Via Email (townofstewartstown@hotmail.com)	Michelle Moren-Grey, Executive Director North Country Council 161 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561 Via Email (mmoren@nccouncil.org)

FROM: Michael A. Klass, Office of Planning and Development

DATE: January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, West Stewartstown, NH

2021 SLR 005

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Monday, February 14, 2022

Please review the attached information to determine if your organization has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please provide this office with any comment(s) in writing by the response deadline indicated above. Responses may be emailed to stephanie.n.verdile@livefree.nh.gov

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The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 Phone: 271-2411 Fax: 271-2629 TDD ACCESS: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

October 22, 2021

Commissioner Taylor Caswell
NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs
Attn: Michael Klass
100 North Main Street, Suite 100
Concord NH 03301

RE: Proposed surplus of a portion of North Stratford to Beecher Falls Rail Trail in the Village of West Stewartstown.

Dear Commissioner Caswell.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) proposes to dispose of a 0.1355 acre area of land, which is a small portion of an old railroad corridor now used a rail trail. The property in question is located in the village of West Stewartstown on Route 3.

The DNCR has been in discussions with an abutter, who is interested in acquiring a small portion of the State owned North Stratford-Beecher Falls Rail Trail corridor. A large garage previously extended onto the area in question. The garage has since burned with only a concrete pad remaining and the abutters would like to acquire this area. The area in question is separated from the actual traveled recreation trail by a large ditch and the sale of this area will not interfere with the state's rail trail use, management, or maintenance. DNCR has reviewed and determined it to be surplus to our needs.

Please submit this proposal to the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) for review at its next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact either Tracey Boisvert or Bob Spoerl at (603) 271-2214.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Stewart Commissioner

Enclosures

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

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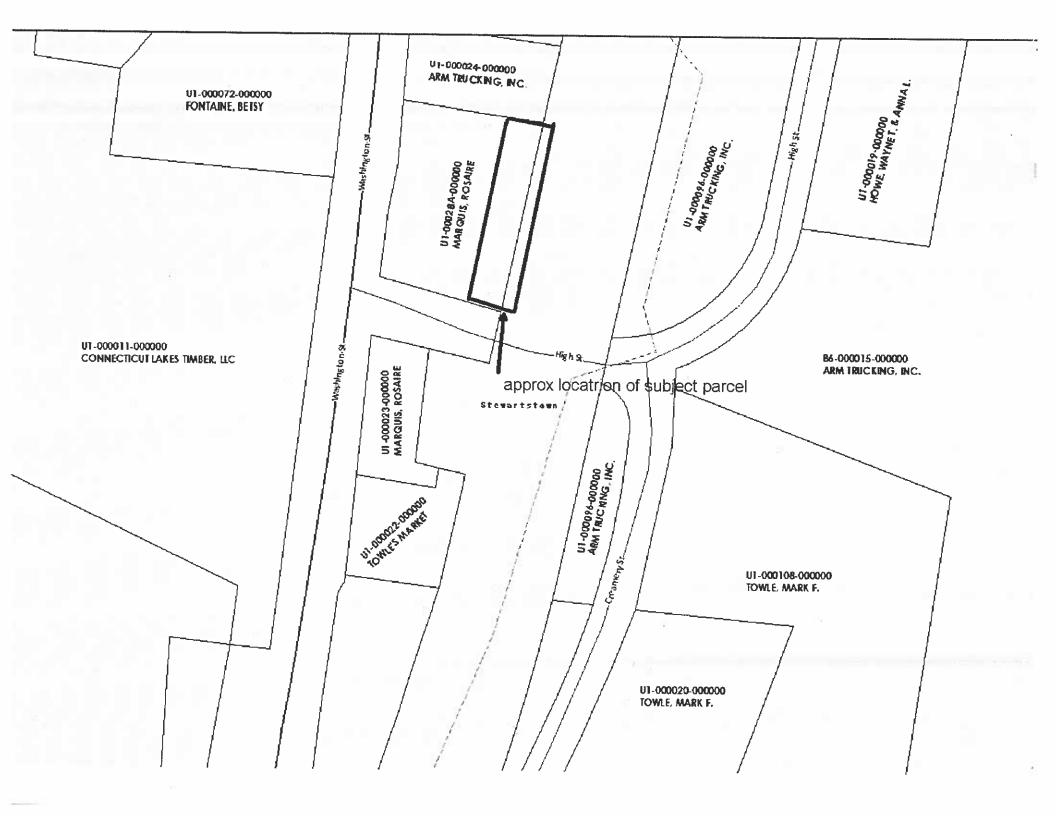
- 11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within its municipality.
 - a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
 - b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features*
 - c. Aerial Photograph*
 - d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
 - e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities or topographic features are welcome but not required

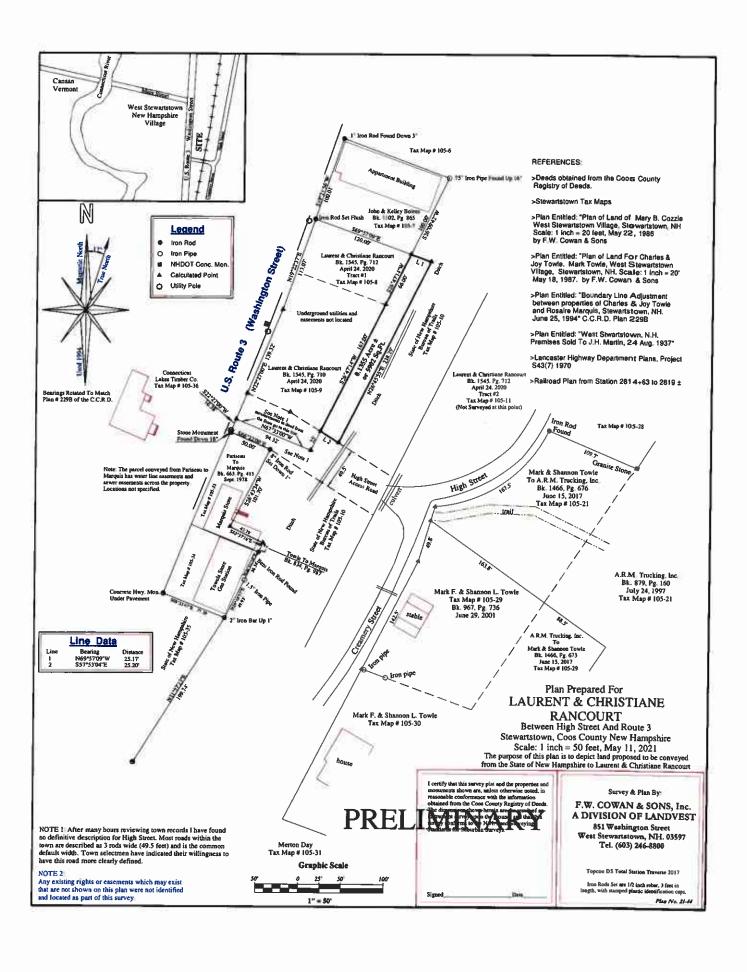
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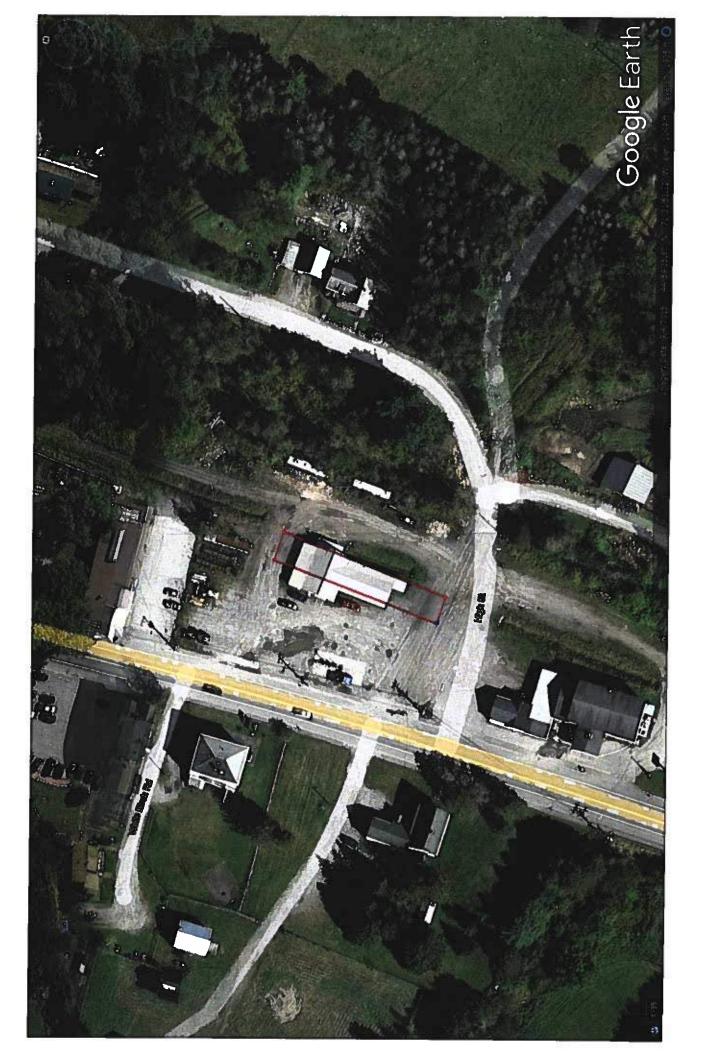
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Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.









From: Winters, Shelley

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 5:08 PM

To: Klass, Michael

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 005 (West Stewartstown)

Michael,

The NH Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rail & Transit appreciates the opportunity to review and from the Bureau of Rail & Transit does not need this property now or in the foreseeable future for railroad or transit purposes. Anecdotally, rail staff thinks the existing concrete pad (that is encroaching) may have been a former railroad station site, but the use has since changed. Again, no objection by NHDOT Rail & Transit.

Thank you for the opportunity to review, Shelley

Shelley Winters
Administrator, Bureau of Rail & Transit
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
PO Box 483
Concord, NH 03302-0483
Tel: (603) 271-3497

From: Klass, Michael < Michael. A. Klass@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:11 PM

To: Jennifer Fish <jennifer.fish@cooscountynh.us>; townofstewartstown@hotmail.com; mmoren@nccouncil.org

Cc: Verdile, Stephanie < Stephanie. N. Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Subject: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 005 (West Stewartstown)

Dear All,

Please find the attached Surplus Land Review application for your review. The comment deadline for this request is February 14, 2022.

The future meeting date on which this will be heard has yet to be scheduled. Once a date is selected, notice will be posted in our usual fashion. Information regarding CORD and its meetings may be obtained at: https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/cord/index.htm.

Please note that all comments should be submitted to Stephanie Verdile at stephanie.n.verdile@livefree.nh.gov

Best,

Mike

Michael A. Klass Principal Planner



NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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February 1, 2022

Michael A. Klass NH Office of Planning and Development Johnson Hall 107 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Re:

State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, West Stewartstown, NH

2021 SLR 005 (DHR# 13411)

Dear Mr. Klass:

In accordance with RSA 227C-9, the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has been asked to comment on the parcel of state-owned land referenced above.

The DHR does not object to the proposed release of the current Department of Natural and Cultural Resources owned property, which is a small portion of the North Stratford-Beecher Falls Rail Trail corridor. Based on a review of DHR records and the description of the land, it has been determined the acquisition of this 0.1355-acre area by the abutters will not impact previously identified historic properties.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact David Trubey, Review & Compliance Coordinator, at 271-2813.

Sincerely,

Nadine Miller

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Tookie Mullie

NM/dwt

From:

Marks, Nisa M

Sent:

Tuesday, February 01, 2022 12:36 PM

To:

Verdile, Stephanie

Cc:

Sales, Tracie; Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications

Subject:

RE: CORD Surplus Land Reguest Application - 2021 SLR 005 (West Stewartstown)

Hello Stephanie,

On behalf of the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2021 SLR 005 in West Stewartstown, a proposed sale of the N. Stratford to Beecher Falls Rail Trail to an encroaching abutter.

Based on the information received, the RMAC chair has determined that the project's potential effects on rivers are not significant enough to call an RMAC meeting within the deadline set by CORD. The Connecticut River Headwaters Subcommittee (the LAC for this project) provided the following comment:

"The only comment I got on this project was positive that it shouldn't affect the river. I don't see this as a problem and the sale should go ahead as planned."

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nisa Marks (603) 271-1522

NH Department of Environmental Services

From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:46 AM

To: Marks, Nisa M <nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>

Cc: Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>; David Packard <appliedforce52@gmail.com>; Graaskamp, Garret

<Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 005 (West Stewartstown)

Thank you Nisa.

Stephanie

From: Marks, Nisa M < nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:18 PM

To: Verdile, Stephanie < Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov

Cc: Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>; David Packard <appliedforce52@gmail.com>; Graaskamp, Garret

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Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2021 SLR 005 in West Stewartstown, a proposed sale of the N. Stratford to Beecher Falls Rail Trail to an encroaching abutter.

Based on the information received, 2021 SLR 005 is not subject to LMAC review as the property does not lie within 250 feet of a lake.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this response. I will reply separately with the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and Local Advisory Committee (LAC) responses when we receive them.

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Nisa Marks (603) 271-1522 NH Department of Environmental Services

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Best, Mike

Michael A. Klass Principal Planner

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New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

MEMORANDUM

то:	CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Via Email Distribution Lists (Bcc)	Rockingham County Board of Commissioners c/o Leila Mattla 119 North Road Brentwood, NH 03833 Via Email (lmattla@co.rockingham.nh.us)
	Town of Londonderry c/o Michael Malaguti 268B Mammoth Road Londonderry, NH 03053 Via Email (mmalaguti@londonderrynh.org)	Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission 438 Dubuque Street Manchester, NH 03102 Via Email (svonaulock@snhpc.org)

FROM: Michael A. Klass, Office of Planning and Development

DATE: January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Londonderry, NH

2021 SLR 006

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Monday, February 14, 2022

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

Louis Barker From:

Date: December 16, 2021

Railroad Planner

Bureau of Rail and Transit At:

Thru:

Shelley Winters La Willy Administrator

Patrick Herlihy, Director
Division of Aeronautics, Rail & Transit

Subject:

Surplus Land Review

Manchester & Lawrence Railroad Corridor, Londonderry

To:

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner

Department of Business and Economic Affairs

The Bureau of Rail & Transit proposes to lease parcels (approximately 40,000 square feet total) of railroad land in the Town of Londonderry to an abutter for storage of landscape materials per RSA 228:57. This law allows leasing of State-owned railroad property to landowners whose property abuts the railroad property and the proposed use does not adversely impact the use of property by the State or other authorized users.

Explanation: There have been historic encroachments into the railroad corridor in the vicinity of 3-4 Commercial Lane in Londonderry and one abutter (Groundhog Landscaping and Property Maintenance, Inc. of 4 Commercial Lane) has requested to lease approximately 21,239 square feet (0.49 acres) of railroad property for commercial use. The subject property is located in the Town of Londonderry, owned by the State, and under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Rail & Transit. This railroad corridor has been out of service since the 1970's and has been developed into a rail trail by the Town of Londonderry who has a Rail Trail Agreement with the Bureau.

Though only one abutter approached the Bureau to obtain a lease at this time, the subject parcel for your review is inclusive of the property that is being encroached on by two abutters at 3 & 4 Commercial Lane. It is the Bureau's intention to review the 3-4 Commercial Lane encroachments collectively and then deal with specific abutters separately to resolve use issues via lease agreements.

The Bureau is willing to enter into a lease of the described area (encroachment) at the edge of the railroad corridor, provided that the lessee delineate, screen and maintain any improvements and separation from trail users. The lease will also include a termination clause and a requirement to remove any improvements in the event the area is needed in the future for railroad operations.

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Nam	e of Requesting Agency:	Department of Transportation			
Ager	ncy Contact Person: Address: Phone Number: E-Mail:	Louis A. Barker PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 [603] 271-2425 Louis.barker@dot.nh.gov	3		
Appli	icant Contact Person: Address: Phone Number: E-Mail:	Robert S. Carey 45 South Main Street, PO Box 3550, C (603) 223-9110 rcarey@orr-reno.com	oncord, NH 03	301	
Loca	tion of Property:	3 and 4 Commercial Lane, Londond	lerry, NH		
Acre	age:	40,000 square feet 0.9 Acres			
Requ	ested Action:	Lease of Land			
Term	of Lease or Easement:	5 years/5 year renewal			
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comp and I Mich	olete application to the D		Affairs, Office		
1. *1			,		
	Inactive Railroad, encre	nd, encroachments abutting businesses.			
	/hat is the proposed use o Itended to create a publi	f this property if surplused? Please no c benefit.	te if proposed	use is	
	Landscape materials				
3. D	oes the proposed use of t	his property entail new development?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
а	. If yes, is it consistent wit	h adjacent and existing development	? ⊠ Yes	☐ No	
b	ar to its If the property				
	Light industrial and co	mmercial facilities.			
4. A	re there any structures loc	ated on this property?	⊠ Yes	☐ No	
а	. If yes, please describe	the structures including how many and	d what kind.		
	Concrete blocks set to retain gravels and other bulk landscape materials.				
5. A	re there historical archite	ctural or archaeological resources ide		_	
а	. If yes, describe the resc	ource(s)?	⊠ Yes	∐ No	
	Manchester & Lawrence	e Railroad Corridor			

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be located on or adjacent to this property.						
	Yes (property) Yes (adjacent property)	No				
a.	Steep slopes	\boxtimes				
b.	Wetlands (Prime and NWI)	\boxtimes				
c.	Threatened or endangered species	\boxtimes				
d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats	\boxtimes				
e.	Increased impervious surface	\boxtimes				
f.	Potential stormwater flow changes	\boxtimes				
g.	Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance	\boxtimes				
h.	Potential river channel change	\boxtimes				
i.	Other special designations	\boxtimes				
Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.						

10. Please identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to

- 11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within its municipality.
 - a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
 - b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features*
 - c. Aerial Photograph*
 - d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
 - e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities or topographic features are welcome but not required

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.

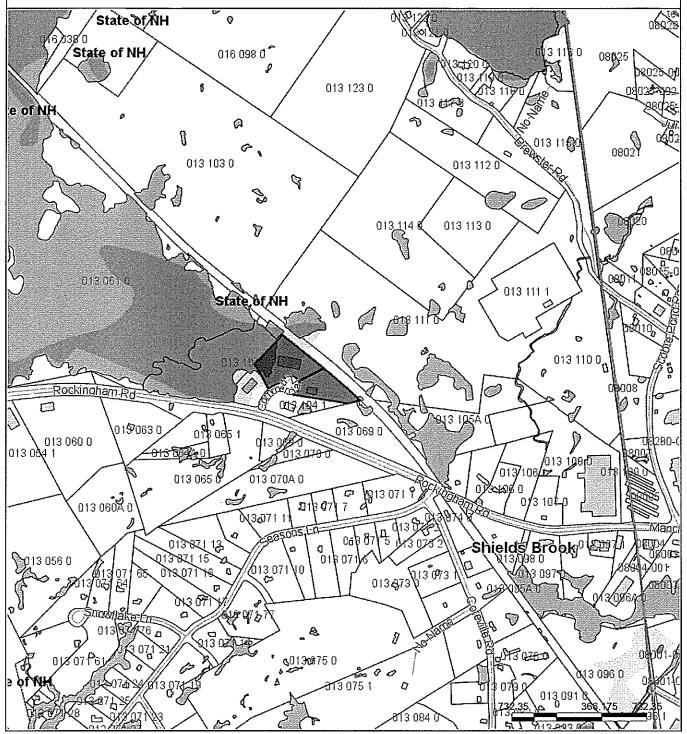
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^{*} Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.

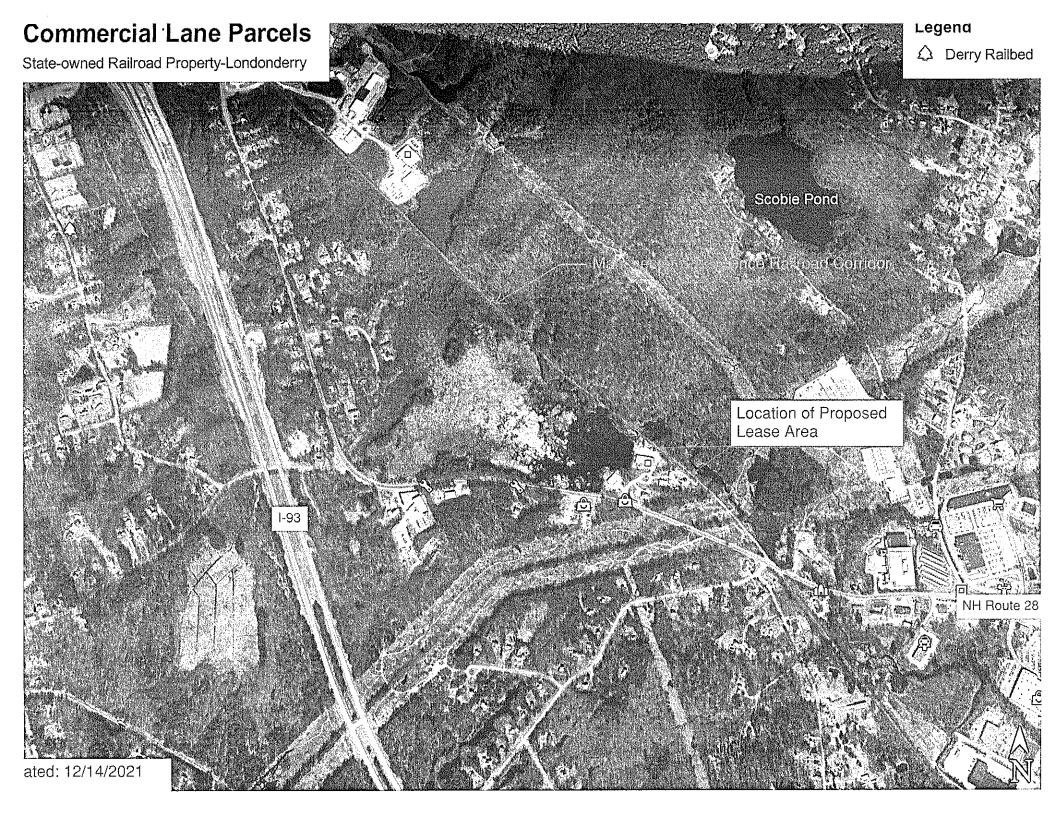
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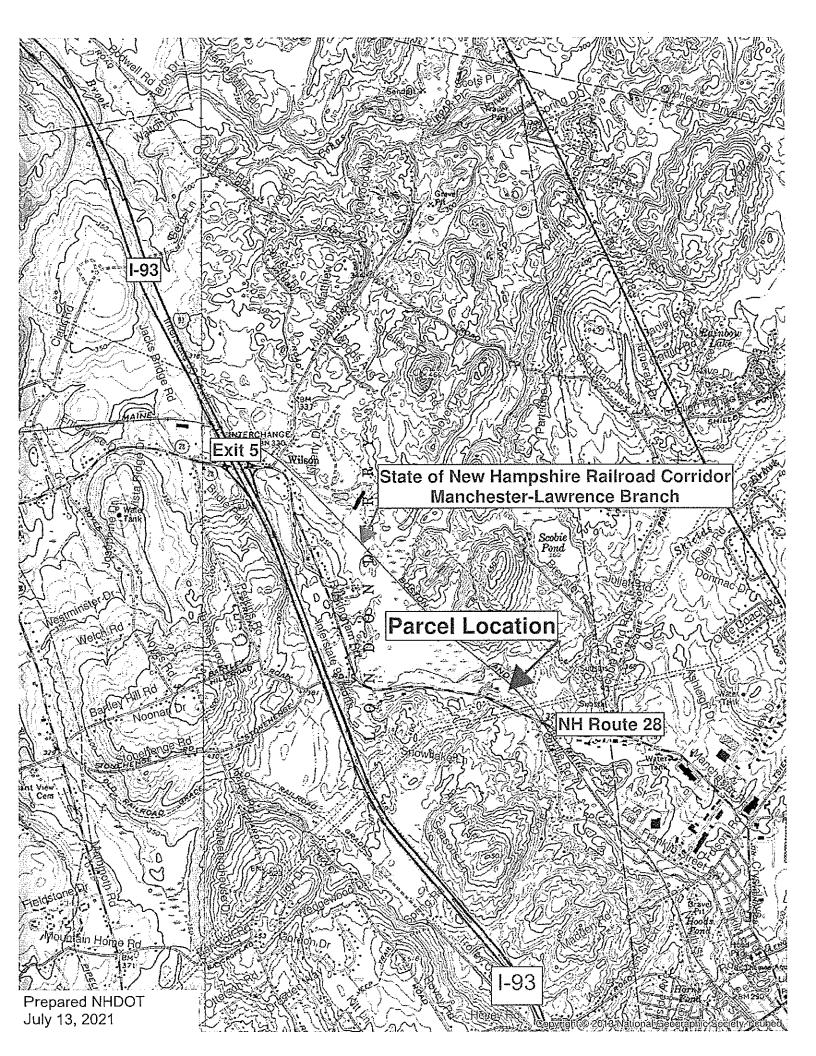
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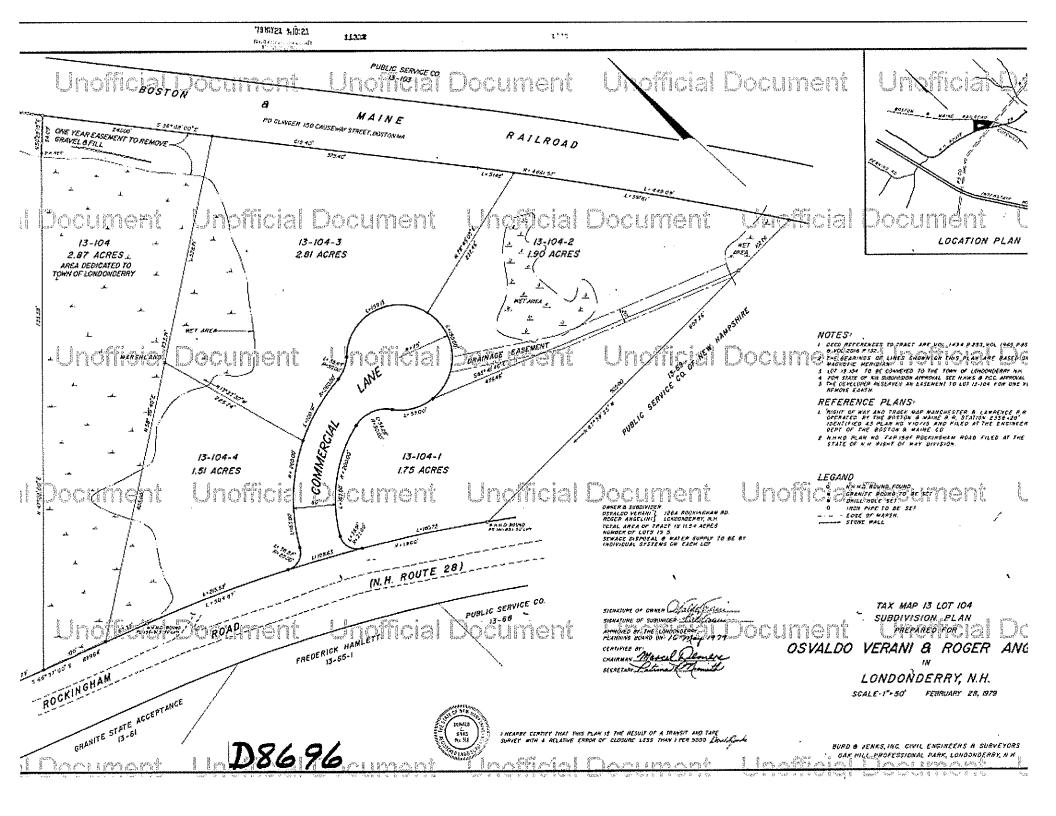
MOSAIC PARCEL MAP SHARING POOL



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NHDRA Mosaic Parcel Map System -DOT Portal

Records: 10253

CAMA Data Current to: 2018-10-16

Land Vpsf: 0.18

46 ROCKINGHAM RD, Londonderry New Hampshire Address: 46 ROCKINGHAM RD Municipality: Londonderry County: Rockingham NHGIS ID:08127-013 104 0 Unique ID:127-2101 Town ID: 127 Parcel ID: 013 104 0 **CAMA ID:2101** County ID: 8 Map: 013 Block: 104 Lot: 0 Unit: Sub: **Block Cut:** Lot Cut: **Unit Cut:** No. Cards: Map Cut: Owner Information Owner: MOORE RICHARD S JR Co-Owner: Mailing Address: 1 COMMERCIAL LANE LONDONDERRY, NH 03053 Land Information Land Use: Local: 390 State: 23-Commercial Land Area: 2.87 ac Zone: 1 Flood Code: Util Code 1: Util Code 2: Traffic Code: **Building Information** Year Built: Rooms: 0 Baths: 0 Full: 0 Half: 0 Beds: 0 Type: Cond: Average Area (N): 0 sqft I-Wall: Roof Type: Area (G): 0 sqft X-Wall: Roof Cover: Grade: Transaction Information Date: 12/22/2003 Price: \$0 Book-Page: 4211-0274 Grantor: MOORE, RICHARD S SR Assessment Information Total: \$23200 10/16/2018 Land: \$23200 **Building \$0** Features: \$0 09/29/2017 Land: \$23200 Building \$0 Features: \$0 Total: \$23200 Supplemental Information Current To: 2018-10-16 Updated: 2018-11-14 Parcel Link?Yes

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Bld Vpsf:

State Owned: No

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1 COMMERCIAL LN, Londonderry New Hampshire

Address: 1 COMMERCIAL LN Municipality: Londonderry County: Rockingham

NHGIS ID:08127-013 104 4 Unique ID:127-2105 Town ID: 127

Parcel ID: 013 104 4 **CAMA ID:2105** County ID: 8

Sub: Map: 013 **Block: 104** Lot: 4 Unit: No. Cards: Lot Cut: Unit Cut:

Map Cut: **Block Cut:**

Owner Information

Co-Owner: Owner: MOORE JANICE P

Mailing Address: 1 COMMERCIAL LANE LONDONDERRY, NH 03053

Land Information

Land Use: Local: 401 State: 45-Industrial Condo Area: 1.5 ac Zone: 6

Util Code 1: **Traffic Code:** Flood Code: **Util Code 2:**

Building Information

Year Built: 1984 Rooms: 0 Beds: 0 Baths: 1.5 Full: 0 Half: 3 Type: REPAIR GAR

Area (N): 7200 sqft I-Wall: MINIMUM Roof Type: SHED Cond: Average

Area (G): 7200 sqft X-Wall: CORREG Roof Cover: METAL Grade: C

Transaction Information

Price: \$0 Book-Page: 0318-2011 Date: 03/14/2013 Grantor: MOORE, RICHARD S JR

Assessment Information

10/16/2018 Land: \$189200 Building \$254100 Features: \$19300 Total: \$462600

09/29/2017 Land: \$189200 Building \$254100 Features: \$19300 Total: \$462600

Supplemental Information

Current To: 2018-10-16 Updated: 2018-11-14 Parcel Link? Yes

Land Vpsf: 2.89 Records: 10253 State Owned: No Bld Vpsf: 35.2

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2 COMMERCIAL LN, Londonderry New Hampshire

Address: 2 COMMERCIAL LN

Municipality: Londonderry

County: Rockingham

NHGIS ID:08127-013 104 1

Unique ID:127-2102

Town ID: 127

Parcel ID: 013 104 1

CAMA ID:2102

County ID: 8

Map: 013

Block: 104

Lot: 1

Unit:

Sub:

Map Cut:

Block Cut:

Lot Cut:

Unit Cut:

No. Cards:

Owner Information

Owner: PLH-LONDONDERRY LLC

Co-Owner:

Mailing Address: PO BOX 498 JAFFREY, NH 03452

Land Information

Area: 1.75 ac Zone: 6

Land Use: Local: 316

State:33-Commercial L&B

Flood Code:

Util Code 1:

Util Code 2:

Traffic Code:

Building Information

Type: STORE

Year Built: 2002

Rooms: 0 Beds: 0 Baths: 0.5 Full: 0

Half: 1

Area (N): 4080 sqft

I-Wall: AVERAGE

Roof Type: GABLE

Cond: Average

Area (G): 4080 sqft

X-Wall: CLAPBOA

Roof Cover: METAL

Grade: C

Transaction Information

Date: 11/01/2004

Price: \$535000

Book-Page: 4387-2281

Grantor: PRIZER, WILLIAM M III

Assessment Information

10/16/2018

Land: \$194300

Building \$317400

Features: \$18600

Total: \$530300

09/29/2017

Land: \$194300

Building \$317400

Features: \$18600

Total: \$530300

Supplemental Information

Current To: 2018-10-16

Updated: 2018-11-14

Parcel Link? Yes

Records: 10253

State Owned: No

Bld Vpsf: 77.7

Land Vpsf: 2.54

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> **Building \$0** Features: \$0

Land: \$105700 Total: \$105700

10/16/2018

09/29/2017 **Building \$0** Land: \$105700 Features: \$0 Total: \$105700

Supplemental Information

Current To:2018-10-16 Updated: 2018-11-14 Parcel Link? Yes

Land Vpsf: 0.6 Records: 10253 State Owned: No Bld Vpsf:

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NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources 603-271-3483
19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301-3570 603-271-3558
Voice/ TTY RELAY ACCESS 1-800-735-2964 FAX 603-271-3433
http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr preservation@nh.gov

February 1, 2022

Michael A. Klass NH Office of Planning and Development Johnson Hall 107 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Re:

State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Londonderry, NH

2021 SLR 006 (DHR# 13412)

Dear Mr. Klass:

In accordance with RSA 227C-9, the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has been asked to comment on the parcel of state-owned land referenced above.

The DHR does not object to the proposed lease of approximately 40,000 square feet of railroad land currently owned by the Bureau of Rail & Transit to an abutter for the storage of landscaping materials. However, as the property is part of the National Register-listed Manchester & Lawrence Railroad, the DHR recommends flagging of extent railroad features prior to any construction of new storage units to avoid inadvertent impact to this resource.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact David Trubey, Review & Compliance Coordinator, at 271-2813.

Sincerely,

Nadine Miller

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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NM/dwt

From: Michael Malaguti <mmalaguti@londonderrynh.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:06 PM

To: Klass-OLD, Michael; lmattla@co.rockingham.nh.us; svonaulock@snhpc.org

Cc: Verdile, Stephanie

Subject: Re: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 006 (Londonderry)

Good evening,

I am counsel for the Town of Londonderry. I acknowledge receipt of this email, and the attachment. The Town has been aware of this request for some time, and previously supplied comments. I reiterate them below. On July 15, the Town of Londonderry forwarded information about this request to Londonderry Trailways, a nonprofit corporation. It should be noted that while Trailways partners cooperatively with the Town on certain matters, it is not a public body and is distinct from the Town in terms of management and control. It is fair to say that Trailways has an important interest in the use and maintenance of the rail trail in Londonderry and should have a seat at the table on this matter.

The Town does not object to the State's proposal, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The site at 3 Commercial Lane has several items cluttering and encroaching into the right of way. The land on which these items currently sit is ultimately leased to the owner, this issue may become moot as to whether there is an encroachment. The owner should be directed to consult with the Londonderry Planning Department to ensure that the placement of these items in this area (and the owner's use) is not prohibited under the Zoning Ordinance and Site Plan Regulations.
- 2) Similarly, the proposed lease at 4 Commercial Lane would rectify the encroachment onto the abutting parcel. In all other respects, the owner should be informed it will be expected to comply with all legal, zoning, site plan, and other applicable requirements. Specifically, an amended site plan and at least two variances or a rezoning petition will be required for the owner to continue its current use. Lastly, were the lease to terminate, the encroachment issue would resurface. The ZBA and Planning Boards will be advised to condition any approvals upon the proposed lease continuing in effect. Of course, there are no guarantees what the outcome will be of the ZBA and Planning Board processes, and Town staff, including myself, will advise these boards as we determine to be appropriate.
- 3) Please be advised that Londonderry Trailways' position is that the lease at 3 Commercial Lane should be approved on condition that the currently-encroaching area be decluttered. It recommends releasing 4 Commercial Lane with no conditions. Anything concerning Trailways' position should be directed to their President, Bob Rimol, at bobrimol@gmail.com.
- 4) I note the documentation indicates there are no wetlands, no increase in impervious surface and no potential stormwater flow changes on the property or adjacent property. The Town believes the rail trail property and adjacent property (Groundhog) does have those environmental considerations that will need to be addressed as part of the Site Plan review by the Planning Board.

Please feel free to contact me concerning the Town's position.

Sincerely, Michael J. Malaguti Assistant Town Solicitor From: Leila Mattila <lmattila@co.rockingham.nh.us>

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:10 PM

To: Verdile, Stephanie

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Applications

Good afternoon Stephanie,

The Rockingham County Commissioners have no comment.

Thank you,

Leila M. Mattila

Sr. Executive Assistant Rockingham County Commissioners' Office 603-679-9350

From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 3:04 PM

To: Leila Mattila < lmattila@co.rockingham.nh.us> **Subject:** RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Applications

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check in to see if you had any comments on the application that Mike sent out back in January (SLR-006-Londonderry). The deadline to submit comments is Monday, February 14, 2022. Comments submitted after that run the risk of not being distributed to the CORD members. If you have no comment, please provide me with a letter/email that says you have no comments on the application.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Stephanie

From: Klass, Michael < Michael.A.Klass@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:11 PM

To: lmattla@co.rockingham.nh.us; svonaulock@snhpc.org; mmalaguti@londonderrynh.org

From: Marks, Nisa M

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 10:58 AM

To: Verdile, Stephanie

Cc: Sales, Tracie; Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 006 (Londonderry)

Hello Stephanie,

On behalf of the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2021 SLR 006 in Londonderry, a proposed lease of railroad property to encroaching abutters.

Based on the information received, the RMAC chair has determined that the project's potential effects on rivers are not significant enough to call an RMAC meeting within the deadline set by CORD. The proposed disposal is not in a designated river corridor, so there are no LAC comments.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this response.

Sincerely,

Nisa Marks (603) 271-1522 NH Department of Environmental Services

From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:46 AM

To: Marks, Nisa M < nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>

Cc: Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>; David Packard <appliedforce52@gmail.com>; Graaskamp, Garret

<Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 006 (Londonderry)

Thank you Nisa.

Stephanie

From: Marks, Nisa M < nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:14 PM

To: Verdile, Stephanie < Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Cc: Sales, Tracie < tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov >; David Packard < appliedforce52@gmail.com >; Graaskamp, Garret

<Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 006 (Londonderry)

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2021 SLR 006 in Londonderry, a proposed lease of railroad property to encroaching abutters.

Based on the information received, 2021 SLR 006 is not subject to LMAC review as the property does not lie within 250 feet of a lake.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this response. I will reply separately with the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and Local Advisory Committee (LAC) responses when we receive them.

Sincerely,

Nisa Marks (603) 271-1522 NH Department of Environmental Services

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Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:11 PM

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Cc: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Subject: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 006 (Londonderry)

Dear All,

Please find the attached Surplus Land Review application for your review. The comment deadline for this request is February 14, 2022.

The future meeting date on which this will be heard has yet to be scheduled. Once a date is selected, notice will be posted in our usual fashion. Information regarding CORD and its meetings may be obtained at: https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/cord/index.htm.

Please note that all comments should be submitted to Stephanie Verdile at stephanie.n.verdile@livefree.nh.gov

Best, Mike

Michael A. Klass Principal Planner

Office of Planning and Development Department of Business and Economic Affairs State of New Hampshire P: (603) 271-6651

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New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

MEMORANDUM

то:	CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Via Email Distribution Lists (Bcc)	Northeastern Vermont Development Association 36 Eastern Ave, Suite 1 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
	Via Email Distribution Lists (BCC)	Via Email (info@nvda.net)
	Town of Lunenburg P.O. Box 54 Lunenburg, VT 05906 Via Email (lunenburg01@live.com)	Michelle Moren-Grey, Executive Director North Country Council 161 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561 Via Email (mmoren@nccouncil.org)

FROM: Michael A. Klass, Office of Planning and Development

DATE: January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Lunenburg, VT

2021 SLR 007

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Monday, February 14, 2022

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From:

Louis Barker

Railroad Planner

Date: December 16, 2021

At:

Bureau of Rail and Transit

Thru:

Shelley Winters Sw Administrator

Patrick Herlihy, Director ALA 12/17/2001 Division of Aeronautics, Rail & Transit

Subject:

Surplus Land Review

Mountain Division Railroad Corridor, Lunenburg Vermont

To:

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner

Department of Business and Economic Affairs

The Bureau of Rail & Transit proposes to grant an easement over a parcel (approximately 1,320 square feet) of railroad land in Town of Lunenburg, Vermont to Green Street Power Partners, a lessee of an abutting property, for installation, use and maintenance of an overhead electrical facility per RSA 228:57. This law allows the sale, lease or transfer of state-owned railroad property to a railroad operator or other public use. It is under this same statute that this proposed easement would be granted.

Explanation: The Bureau is willing to grant an easement of a limited area (1,320 square feet) across the railroad corridor provided that the grantee maintain adequate vertical clearances over the railroad corridor and horizontal offsets for their poles, which are located on abutting property, to accommodate any future transportation needs in the area, including railroad operations.

We would ask that you please submit this request to the Council on Resources and Development to determine if this land is surplus to the needs and interests of the State.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Enc.

cc: Stephen LaBonte, Administrator, Bureau of Right-of-Way

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

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Agency Contact Person:		cy Contact Person:	Louis A. Barker	<u>. </u>			
		Address:	PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483				
		Phone Number:	(603) 271-2425				
		E-Mail:	Louis.barker@dot.nh.gov				
Applicant Contact Person: Address: Phone Number:			Olivia Sproviero				
			1 Landmark Square, Suite 320, Stamford, CT 06	901			
		Pnone Number: E-Mail:	(203) 496-8950 OSproviero@gspp.com				
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Loc	cat	ion of Property:	Lunenburg, Vermont				
Acreage:		ıge:	0.03 Acres				
Requested Action:		ested Action:	Easement				
Term of Lease or Easement:		of Lease or Easement:	To be determined.				
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coi and	mp d D	lete application to the D	s below, submit one digital copy and one hardo Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Of Main Street, Suite 100, Concord, NH 03301, DV.				
1.	W	Vhat is the current use of this property?					
	ĺ	Inactive Railroad					
 What is the proposed use of this property if surplused? Please note if proposed use is intended to create a public benefit. 			osed use is				
		Overhead installation transmitting power generated by adjacent solar collector field.					
3.	Do	es the proposed use of t	this property entail new development? 🛛 🖂 Yes	□ No			
	a.	If yes, is it consistent wit	th adjacent and existing development? $oxtime $ Yes	☐ No			
	b.	Please describe how the proposed new development differs from or is similar to its surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in the use of the property or surroundings.					
	ſ	Former industrial facili	ity. Solar field utilizes abutting land of a former	paper mill.			
4.	Ar	e there any structures loc	cated on this property?	⊠ No			
	a.	If yes, please describe t	the structures including how many and what kin	d.			
		Structures are on adjacent property.					
5.	Ar	e there historical archited	ctural or archaeological resources identified on	this site?			
			⊠ Yes	☐ No			
	a.	If yes, describe the reso	purce(s)?				
		Portland & Ogdensbur	g Railroad Corridor	100-100			

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	b.	If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to a	oplication subn	hission.
6.	ls t	there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites?	Yes	☐ No
	a.	If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent of the nearest development? (Describe distance,		er)
		Solar Field		
7.	Do	es the site represent the entire state property in this location?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
	a.	If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).	g (percentage	of total
		Less than .01%.		
8.	is o	access to this property available?	⊠ Yes	□No
	a.	If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applic	cant's property,	, etc)
		Applicant leases property on one side and River Road a town	road on the op	posite.
	b.	If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
0	۸ra	e there water resources related to this property such as:		
				□ N-
	<u>Lal</u>	kes/Ponds - ☐ Yes ☒ No Rivers - ☐ Yes ☒ No Wetl	<u>ands</u> - □ Yes	□ No
	<u>Lal</u>		<u>ands</u> - □ Yes	□ No
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pe located on or adjacent to this property.							
	Yes (p	rope	erty)	Yes (adjac	ent	oroperty)	No
a.	Steep slopes						\boxtimes
b.	Wetlands (Prime and NWI)		•••••				\boxtimes
c.	Threatened or endangered species						\boxtimes
d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats						\boxtimes
e.	Increased impervious surface						\boxtimes
f.	Potential stormwater flow changes						\boxtimes
g.	Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance						\boxtimes
h.	Potential river channel change		•••••			***************************************	\boxtimes
i.	Other special designations		•••••				\boxtimes
² lec	Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.						

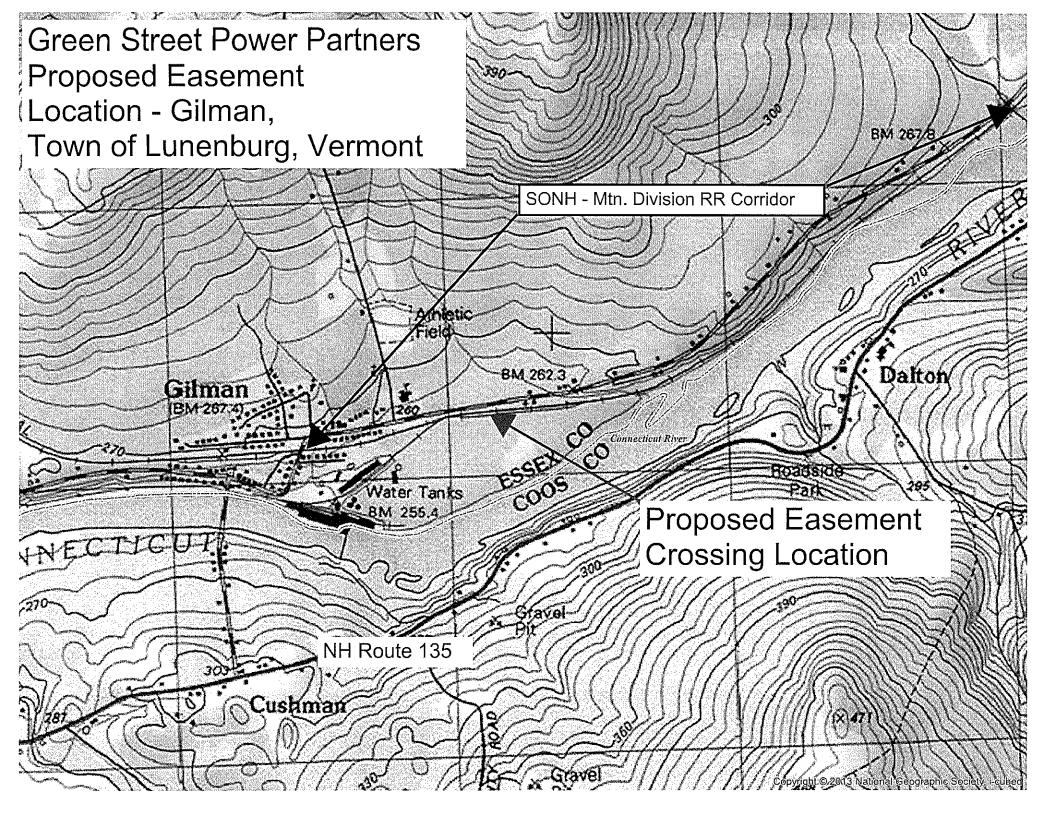
10. Please identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to

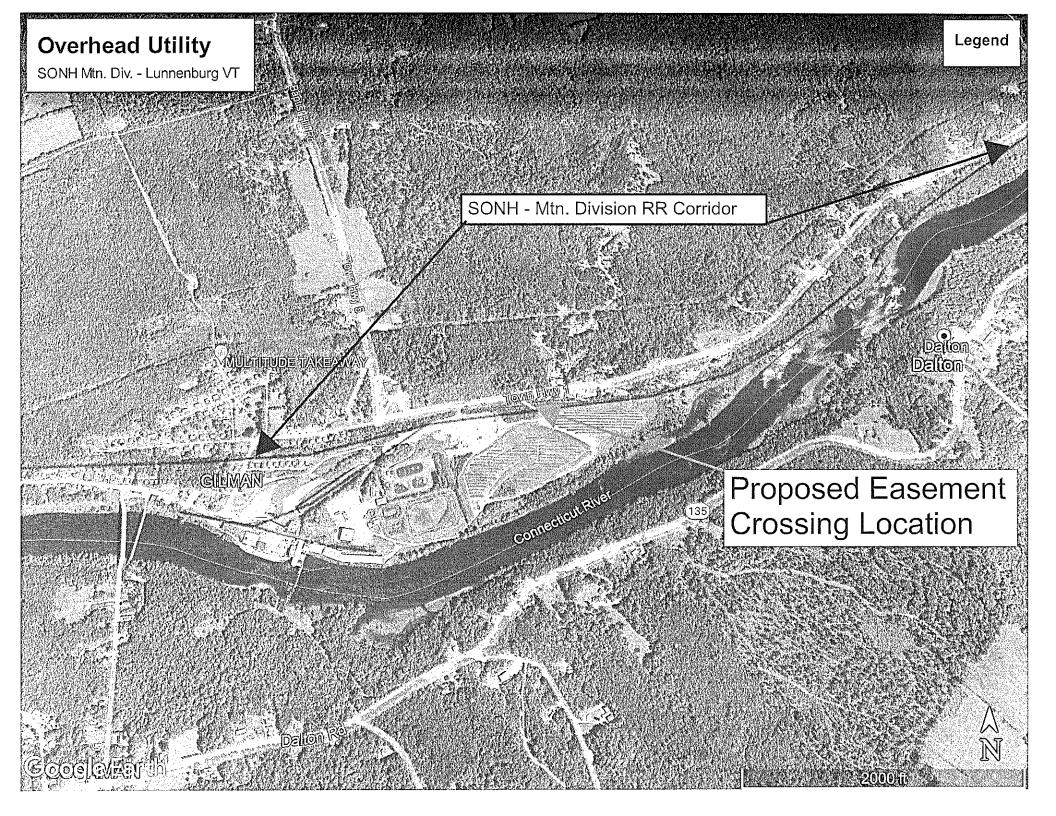
- 11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within its municipality.
 - a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
 - b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features*
 - c. Aerial Photograph*
 - d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
 - e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities or topographic features are welcome but not required

Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.

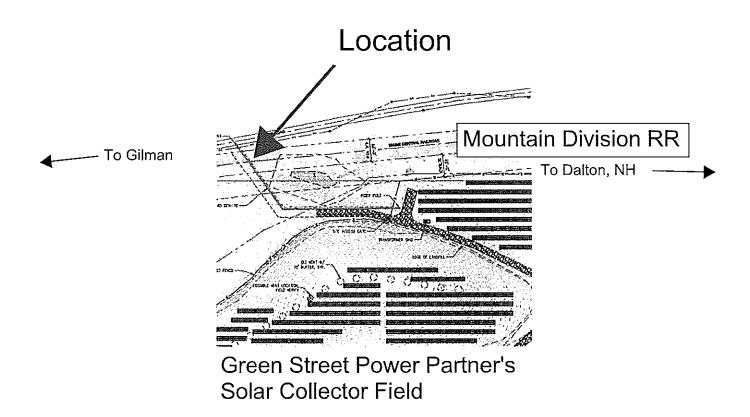
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^{*} Maps can be created with GIS, Google, NH GRANIT, or any other readily available mapping service.



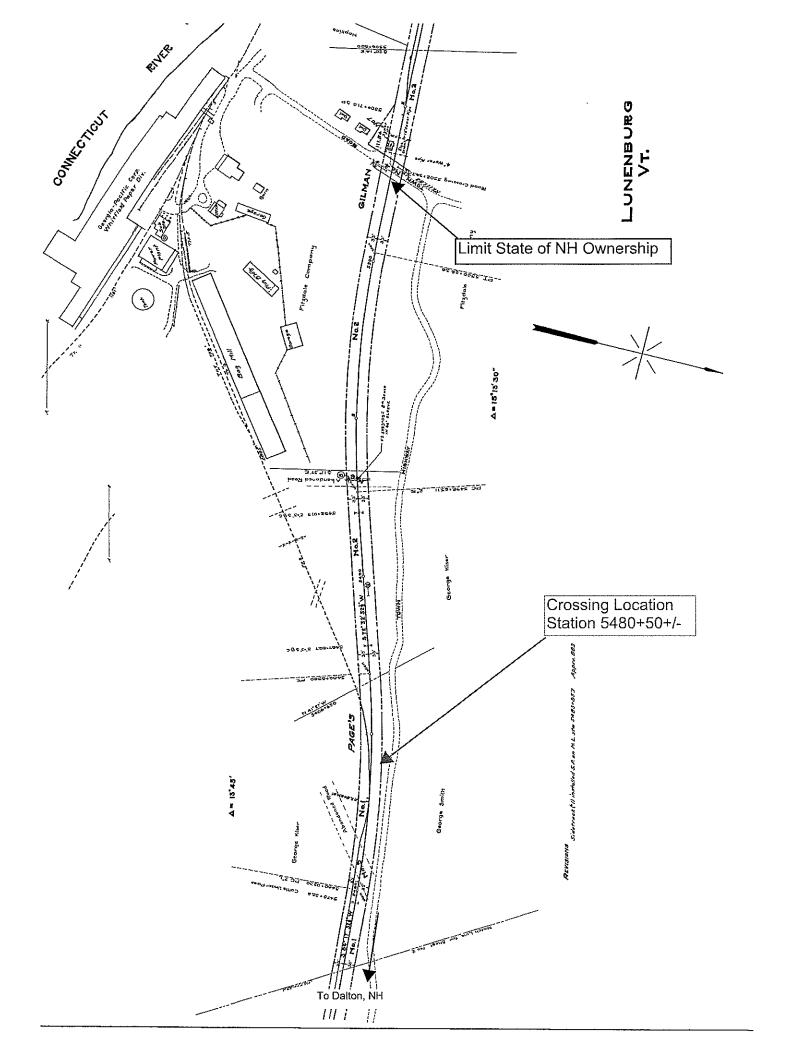


Green Street Power Partners Proposed Easement Location - Gilman, Town of Lunenburg, Vermont



Attachment

Dated: October 19, 2021





NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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February 1, 2022

Michael A. Klass NH Office of Planning and Development Johnson Hall 107 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301

Re:

State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Lunenburg, VT

2021 SLR 006 (DHR# 13413)

Dear Mr. Klass:

In accordance with RSA 227C-9, the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has been asked to comment on the parcel of state-owned land referenced above.

Regarding the proposed lease of approximately 1,320 square feet of railroad land currently owned by the Bureau of Rail & Transit to a lessee of an abutting property in Lunenburg, VT, the DHR cannot provide informed comment as it has no records for out of state resources. Therefore, the DHR recommends consultation with the Vermont State Historic Preservation Officer to determine if there are concerns regarding historic properties.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact David Trubey, Review & Compliance Coordinator, at 271-2813.

Sincerely,

Nadine Miller

Mari Michi

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

NM/dwt

From: Sent:	David Snedeker <dsnedeker@nvda.net> Friday, February 11, 2022 2:43 PM Verdile, Stephanie</dsnedeker@nvda.net>				
То:					
Subject:	CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)				
Hello, Stephanie:					
NVDA staff reviewed t proposed project.	the application that we received back in January. We have no comments or concerns on the				
Regards, Dave					
Date: Fri, Feb 11, 2022 Subject: RE: CORD Sur	nie < Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov> 2 at 2:19 PM plus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT) ufo@nvda.net>, lunenburg01@live.com < lunenburg01@live.com>, mmoren@nccouncil.org				
Good afternoon,					
January. The dead that run the risk of	in to see if you had any comments on the application that Mike sent out back in lline to submit comments is Monday February 14, 2022. Comments submitted after not being distributed to the CORD members. If you have no comment, please letter/email that says you have no comments on the application.				
Let me know if you	u have any questions.				
Thank you.					
Stephanie					

From: Michelle Moren-Grey <mmoren@nccouncil.org>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 6:14 PM

To: Verdile, Stephanie

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

Good evening. I have reviewed this application and have no comments.

Regards,



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161 Main Street
Littleton, New Hampshire | 03561

Regional Planning Commission & Economic Development District

From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 2:19 PM

To: info@nvda.net; lunenburg01@live.com; Michelle Moren-Grey <mmoren@nccouncil.org>

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check in to see if you had any comments on the application that Mike sent out back in January. The deadline to submit comments is Monday February 14, 2022. Comments submitted after that run the risk of not being distributed to the CORD members. If you have no comment, please provide me with a letter/email that says you have no comments on the application.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Stephanie

From: Klass, Michael < Michael.A. Klass@livefree.nh.gov >

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:12 PM

To: info@nvda.net; lunenburg01@live.com; mmoren@nccouncil.org

Cc: Verdile, Stephanie < Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov

Subject: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

From: Marks, Nisa M

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2022 11:03 AM

To: Verdile, Stephanie

Cc: Sales, Tracie; Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

Hello Stephanie,

On behalf of the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2021 SLR 007 in Lunenburg, VT, a proposed easement for an overhead power line crossing.

Based on the information received, the RMAC chair has determined that the project's potential effects on rivers are not significant enough to call an RMAC meeting within the deadline set by CORD. The LAC for this designated river corridor does not meet again until after the comment deadline has passed, so we do not anticipate receiving comments from them.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this response.

Sincerely,

Nisa Marks (603) 271-1522 NH Department of Environmental Services

From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:40 AM

To: Marks, Nisa M <nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>

Cc: Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>; David Packard <appliedforce52@gmail.com>; Graaskamp, Garret

<Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

Good morning,

Thank you for your informative and detailed response Nisa.

I look forward to your other comments.

Thanks again.

Stephanie

From: Marks, Nisa M < nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 3:12 PM

To: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N. Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Cc: Sales, Tracie < tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov >; David Packard < appliedforce52@gmail.com >; Graaskamp, Garret

<Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2021 SLR 007 in Lunenburg, VT, a proposed easement for an overhead power line crossing.

Based on the information received, 2021 SLR 007 is not subject to LMAC review as the property does not lie within 250 feet of a lake.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this response. I will reply separately with the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and Local Advisory Committee (LAC) responses when we receive them.

Sincerely,

Nisa Marks (603) 271-1522 NH Department of Environmental Services

From: Klass, Michael < Michael. A. Klass@livefree.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 12:12 PM

To: info@nvda.net; lunenburg01@live.com; mmoren@nccouncil.org

Cc: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N. Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>

Subject: CORD Surplus Land Request Application - 2021 SLR 007 (Lunenburg, VT)

Dear All,

Please find the attached Surplus Land Review application for your review. The comment deadline for this request is February 14, 2022.

The future meeting date on which this will be heard has yet to be scheduled. Once a date is selected, notice will be posted in our usual fashion. Information regarding CORD and its meetings may be obtained at: https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/cord/index.htm.

Please note that all comments should be submitted to Stephanie Verdile at stephanie.n.verdile@livefree.nh.gov

Best, Mike

Michael A. Klass

Principal Planner

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