

# New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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## **FINAL MINUTES – January 11, 2018**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives  
Robert Beaulac, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services  
Tracey Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
Richard Cook, Designee, NH Fish and Game Department  
William Ray, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority  
Christopher Way, Designee, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, NH Department of Agriculture

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Elizabeth Muzzey, Director, Division of Historical Resources  
Dijit Taylor, Executive Director, LCHIP  
Will Abbott, VP of Policy & Land Management, Society for the Protection of NH Forests  
Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives  
Stephen Walker, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives  
Amanda Hollenbeck, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives  
Danielle Carver, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

## **I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was opened at 9:32 A.M. by Chairman Chicoine. CORD members and guests introduced themselves.

## **II. MINUTES**

### **A. Approval of November 16, 2017 meeting minutes**

Mr. Cook commented that on page three, paragraph two, seventh line ‘as it’ should be inserted between the phrase ‘trail heads’.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Mr. Beaulac, seconded by Mr. Cook, the November 16, 2018 meeting minutes with Mr. Cook’s proposed amendment were approved unanimously by the council.

### **III. LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)**

Ms. Taylor gave an overview of LCHIP Stewardship Fund. Ms. Taylor requested approval to draw from the Stewardship Fund for incentive payments for grant recipients who have properly taken care of and reported on the status of the resources they protected with assistance from LCHIP. Ms. Taylor then reviewed how LCHIP property protection terms differ based on if it is a historic resource or natural resource and that these terms follow the LCHIP Criteria guidelines. The LCHIP Stewardship Fund used for these incentive grants is the the same fund used for the Conservation Land Stewardship program and therefore Ms. Taylor needs approval from both the LCHIP and CORD board members.

Ms. Taylor stated that she is seeking approval to expend from the LCHIP Community Conservation Endowment fund for the purpose of making these incentive payments to grant recipients. The request is for \$200/unit for 243-254 properties. Properties will receive between 1-4 units depending on property details.

**MOTION:** Mr. Ray moved that CORD endorse expenditure of \$200 per unit, or approximately \$73,400, from the LCHIP Community Conservation Endowment fund as incentive payments for submittal of reports documenting acceptable, timely monitoring of LCHIP-supported resources in calendar year 2017. Mr. Beaulac seconded. The council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **IV. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)**

#### **A. LCIP Annual Report**

Mr. Walker reviewed the timeframe for annual report submittal and explained this year's timing. Mr. Walker noted that Tracy Boisvert left the department at the end of last fiscal year after almost 10 years. He stated that as of November 9, 2017 the department is again fully staffed with Mr. Walker filling Ms. Boisvert's prior position and Ms. Hollenbeck filling Mr. Walker's prior position.

Mr. Walker then reviewed the FY17 LCIP Annual Report. He noted that the text portion does not change much from year to year, but Mr. Walker did add in some clarifications that he thought would be helpful. Mr. Walker also noted that some conservation easement issues can take years to rectify so the issue may be present in multiple annual reports.

Mr. Walker asked if there were any questions and went on to say that questions to his department are encouraged at any time. He also welcomed the CORD members to join him or Ms. Hollenbeck on a monitoring visit.

Mr. Walker noted that Appendices C and D of the report were provided by the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, respectively.

Ms. Muzzey added that the comment section in the database print out of the LCIP Annual Report was very helpful and pointed out how impressive it was that so many land owners were contacted.

Mr. Walker added that in his opinion the connections made with the land owners are the most important part about monitoring. Mr. Walker went on to say that it is the people who manage the land that will change it; the land does not change on its own. He said that they are a resource to the land owners, not just people that come and monitor the land. Mr. Walker also noted that they sometimes work with foresters as well. The foresters may look after large properties, while the land owners may live elsewhere.

Mr. Cook added that Fish and Game really appreciates the work of the CLS program. He said they do a great job and represent the State's interest in the field well. He went on to say that the program knows when to solve problems themselves and when to get additional agencies involved, like Fish and Game or the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Ms. Boisvert seconded that opinion.

Ms. Taylor commented that LCIP depends on the clean, useful, informative reports provided by the CLS program.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Mr. Ray to accept and approve the 2017 LCIP Annual Report, seconded by Mr. Cook, the council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Back-Up Designees**

Mr. Klass said that he communicated with the DOJ and was advised that member agencies could designate both a primary and alternate designee. Mr. Klass then asked each member to provide OSI with a primary and an alternate designee in case the primary designee is unable to attend and needs to send a back-up.

### **B. LCIP and CLS Graphs**

Mr. Walker distributed two LCIP graphs and briefly reviewed them. He noted that a number of existing easements allow for additional future subdivision, which means that the acreage won't change even though the number of land owners will increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 A.M.