



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

MINUTES – December 11, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Heather Shank, Designee, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Chair
Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food
Tim Carney, Designee, Department of Education
Jared Nylund, Designee, Department of Administrative Services
Adam Crepeau, Designee, Department of Environmental Services
Patrick Hackley, Designee, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Mark Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety
Eric Sargent, Designee, Department of Transportation
Jim Oehler, Designee, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Brendan McDowell, Principal Planner, OPD (CORD Staff)
Charlotte Harding, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program
Chris Aslin, CORD Attorney, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice
Paula Bellemore, Executive Director, Land & Community Heritage Investment Program
Neil Bungard, Natural Resources Specialist, Land & Community Heritage Investment Program
Corey Clark, Chief Engineer, Department of Environmental Services
Patrick Bell, Land Surveyor, Department of Environmental Services

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 3:00 PM by Chair Shank.

II. MINUTES

Approval of October 9, 2025 meeting minutes.

October 9, 2025 minutes were reviewed, and no changes were made.

MOTION: *On a motion by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Jasper, October 9, 2025, minutes were approved with 8:0:0 vote.*

III. LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

A. Request for Approval of FY26 Disbursement - Paula Bellmore, Executive Director of Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), Requests approval to withdraw up to \$267,358 from the Community Conservation Endowment (CCE) fund for the purpose of awarding stewardship grants for the 2025 monitoring year and supporting LCHIP's administration of stewardship program in fiscal year 2026.

Ms. Bellmore, Executive Director of LCHIP presented the annual request to withdraw funds from the CCE for the purpose of awarding stewardship grants for the 2025 monitoring year. Enabling legislation, RSA 227-M, requires LCHIP to deposit funds into the CCE for every newly protected property as well as expend from that fund for monitoring LCHIP properties, administrative costs, and enforcement costs.

As of July 1, 2025 the book balance of the CCE is \$7.8 million, and in fiscal year 2026 LCHIP added \$10,750 to the balance through eighteen newly protected properties from fiscal year 2025.

The request of \$267,358 is 3.4% of opening book balance. Of that approximately \$192,375 will be delegated to stewardship grants and \$74,983 will be used for administrative expenses. Ms. Bellemore noted that each year the number of stewardship grants rises as they protect more properties. LCHIP currently has 383 properties under stewardship. Ms. Bellemore corrected a typo in the request that stated it was 364.

Chair Shank asked for clarification if the requested funding was for fiscal year or calendar year 2025. Ms. Bellemore clarified that the funds are for monitoring completed in calendar year 2025.

MOTION made by Mr. Crepeau, seconded by Mr. Jasper to recommend approval for disbursement of up to \$267,358 to LCHIP comprising up to \$192,375 for the purpose of awarding 2026 Stewardship Grants and \$74,983 for the purpose of supporting administration expenses for LCHIP's stewardship program. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW

A. SLR 2025-008 Alton – The NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) requests CORD review a surplus property application to pursue an electrical easement with the NH Electric Co-op to provide full-time power to the Sunset Lake Dam in Alton, NH.

Mr. Clark from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) was there to present the SLR application and answer questions. Mr. Clark explained that the site where Sunset Lake Dam is located is .65 acres, owned by DES. DES currently does not have any easements to provide power to the site although power supply is close by. The request asks for a new pole to be set on the property for full-time power and to convert the gate into remote control with a push button in the future. The Dam was recently rehabilitated. Mr. Clark showed before and after pictures.

Mr. Nylund asked where the easement was located on the map and Mr. Clark explained it was the small, hatched area on the proposed map. There was further clarification that the easement area was all owned by the State.

MOTION made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Jasper to approve the NHDES request to pursue an electrical easement with the NH Electric Co-op to provide full-time power the Sunset Lake Dam in Alton, NH. Motion passed with 7:1:0 vote with Mr. Crepeau abstaining.

B. SLR 2025-009 Barnstead – NHDES requests CORD review a surplus property application to pursue an electrical easement with Eversource to provide full-time power to Suncook Lake Dam in Barnstead, NH.

Mr. Clark from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) presented the application. The power supply ends just short of the DES property on a private road. DES requests extending the power from the abutting property to the site to provide full-time power to Suncook Lake Dam. The

Suncook Lake Dam has not been rehabilitated yet but there are plans to do so in the next few years. DES has the intention to provide power to both push button and remote gate control.

Mr. Hackley asked a clarifying question on who the grantor and grantee are in the request, which Mr. Clark clarified that DES is the grantor and Eversource is the grantee.

MOTION made by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Mr. Oehler to approve the NHDES request to pursue an electrical easement with Eversource to provide full-time power to Suncook Lake Dam in Barnstead, NH. Motion passed with 7:1:0 vote with Mr. Crepeau abstaining.

C. SLR 2025-010 Wakefield – NHDES requests CORD review a surplus property application to pursue an electrical easement with the NH Electric Co-op to provide full-time power to the Pine River Dam in Wakefield, NH.

Mr. Clark from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) explained that DES owns a 1.85 acre parcel where the property line is down the middle of a gravel drive shared with an abutter. There is currently power in the adjacent abutters property and DES proposes to bring a line to a new pole in the DES property to provide full-time power to the Pine River Dam. The dam was rehabilitated this year.

Chair Shank asked if the map showed the existing power easement, which Mr. Clark pointed out on the map displayed (titled: Easement Plan from NHDES, on page 7 of 11) where the existing power easement on the abutting property exists and where DES proposes a new powerline that enters the DES property and adds a new pole on the DES property in the shown hatched area near the Pine River Dam.

MOTION made by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve the NHDES request to pursue an electrical easement with the NH Electric Co-op to provide full-time power the Pine River Dam in Wakefield, NH. Motion passed with 7:1:0 vote with Mr. Crepeau abstaining.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next meeting – January 8, 2026, at 3:00

SLR application deadline was December 10th for the January meeting, and a department staff person must attend to present any requests their agency refers to CORD.

Chair Shank adjourned the meeting at 3:18 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Brendan McDowell