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FINAL Minutes – March 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
Stephen McLocklin, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services
Betsey McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish and Game Department
Tracy Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
John B. Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services
Marta Modigliani, Designee, NH Department of Safety
Tim Drew, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services
Adam Smith, Designee, NH Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Danielle Craver, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Ken Gallagher, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Jared Nylund, Department of Administrative Services
Larry Gomes, Milan Trail Huggers ATV Club
Matt Leahy, Forest Society

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:34 AM by Chairman Chicoine. CORD members and guests then introduced themselves.

Mr. Klass noted that there will be supplemental documents posted to the OSI website after the meeting regarding SLR comments for the Department of Administrative Services and the two presentations today regarding the LCIP and Kelsey Notch Trail and the NH State Names Authority. He went on to say that he distributed hardcopies of the outline of the Smart Growth Report to CORD members.

II. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

Mr. Klass gave a background summary of the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) and the Nash Stream Forest. According to the 2016 Nash Stream Forest Finding, CORD's next step is limited to the Kelsey Notch Trail and determining whether ATV usage on the trail is consistent with the statute, not consistent with the statute, or that additional information and

assessment is necessary. Mr. Klass discussed that this issue is being introduced today and that no decision will be made at this time. Tentatively, the next CORD meeting in May would be an opportunity for a public meeting to accept public comments and at the subsequent CORD meeting in July would be a deliberation by CORD with a decision to follow as appropriate.

III. MINUTES

Approval of January 9, 2020 draft minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Modigliani, seconded by Mr. Smith, the January 9, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously by the Council with Mr. McLocklin and Ms. McNaughten abstaining.

IV. INTRODUCTION TO NH STATE NAMES AUTHORITY

Mr. Gallagher gave a summary of the NH State Names Authority and the US Board of Geographic Names whose main purpose is to establish and maintain uniform usage of geographic names throughout the United States. Mr. Gallagher explained that the process starts with any member of the public filling out an online form for a new name or name change and the form then gets sent out to the state, towns and other local authorities. NH State Names Authority operates under CORD and is the state contact for the Board of Geographic Services. Mr. Gallagher reviewed several of the 24 requests that have come in and their outcomes. A brief conversation ensued regarding how CORD member gather input on these matters.

V. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW

A. 2020 SLR 001 (Concord)

Request from the Department of Administrative Services to grant a utility easement on state land located within Gov. Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park Campus.

Mr. Nylund noted that this request is from Unitil asking for an easement to put in a new pole line on Pleasant Street in Concord to provide power to a Sprint cell antenna that has been relocated to the rooftop of the Peaslee Annex. The new pole line would be jointly held by Unitil and Consolidated Communications and it is a 20-foot wide easement area. The project includes two new poles and a padmount transformer.

MOTION: On a motion by Ms. Modigliani, seconded by Mr. Drew the Council unanimously recommended disposal of 2020 SLR 001 (Concord) with Mr. McLocklin abstaining.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Confirming receipt of correspondence from public dated January 30, 2020 concerning ATVs and State Lands

Mr. Klass advised that this correspondence is included in the March 12, 2020 meeting packet on page 20 and would be appropriate for the Nash Stream public meeting that will be held at a later date.

B. 2020 Smart Growth Report Update

Mr. Klass explained that statute requires CORD to report on state Smart Growth every four years and that 2020 is the year the next report needs to be completed. Mr. Klass reviewed the process and timeline for completing the report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.