



# New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

## DRAFT MINUTES - August 10, 2023

#### 9 MEMBERS PRESENT

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- 10 Taylor Caswell, Chair, Commissioner, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs.
- 11 John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services
- 12 Mark Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety
- 13 Jack Ruderman, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority
- 14 Shawn Jasper, Designee, Department of Agriculture
- 15 Jared Nylund, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services (arrived at 3:10 PM)
- 16 Stephen Labonte, Designee, NH Department of Transportation
- 17 Betsey McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish & Game
- 18 Patrick Hackley, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- 19 Amy Clark, Designee, Department of Education
- 20 Mark Sanborn, Department of Environmental Services
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## 23 **OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

- 24 Stephanie Verdile, NH Office of Planning and Development (CORD Staff)
- 25 Alvina Snegach, NH Office of Planning and Development (CORD Staff)
- 26 Charlotte Harding, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program

# 2728 ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

30 The meeting was opened at 3:07 P.M. by Chair Caswell.

# 32 MINUTES

## A. Approval of May 11, 2023, draft minutes

36 Draft May 11, 2023, minutes were reviewed and some minor changes were made. 37

38 **MOTION:** On a motion by Mr. Sanborn, seconded by Mr. Ruderman, the May 11, 2023, minutes 39 were approved as amended by a unanimous vote in favor.

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# 42 LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

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#### A. Presentation: An Overview of the Conservation Land Stewardship Program by Charlotte Harding, Stewardship Specialist, Conservation Land Stewardship Program.

Charlotte Harding, Stewardship Specialist, Conservation Land Stewardship Program, introduced
herself and displayed the presentation on the screen. She presented the following aspects of

- 49 the program:
- 50 > Agency History

51 52 53 54	<ul> <li>Housed within OSP → OEP → OSI → CLSP attached to DAS (July 2021)</li> <li>LCIP Origins         <ul> <li>Acquisitions totaling 100,876 acres</li> <li>Public funds and private donations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
55 56 57	<ul> <li>State lands</li> <li>Municipal lands</li> </ul>	
58	LCIP vs. LCHIP	
59	<ul> <li>Ongoing conservation land acquisition with historic preservation added</li> </ul>	
60	<ul> <li>Separate endowment</li> <li>CID name about a CLOD in 2004</li> </ul>	
61 62	<ul> <li>LCIP name changed to CLSP in 2004</li> <li>Role of CORD</li> </ul>	
63	<ul> <li>RSA 162-C:6</li> </ul>	
64	<ul> <li>Authority transferred in 1993</li> </ul>	
65	<ul> <li>Defines the CLSP relationship to CORD</li> </ul>	
66	<ul> <li>Protection of interests in perpetuity</li> </ul>	
67	RSA 162-C:8 "Land Conservation Endowment"	
68	<ul> <li>Perpetual source of income for stewardship (no general funds)</li> </ul>	
69	<ul> <li>Oversight of / support to LCIP municipalities</li> </ul>	
70	<ul> <li>CORD has fiduciary responsibility for oversight and administration</li> </ul>	
71	<ul> <li>Custodial Account Agreement between CORD and Treasury</li> </ul>	
72	<ul> <li>Annual report on monitoring and status of LCIP lands</li> </ul>	
73	Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs)	
74 75	<ul> <li>MOAs with Department of Fish &amp; Game and DNCR</li> </ul>	
75 76	<ul> <li>Endowment contributions for new properties</li> <li>Housing stowardable of state CEs under one roof</li> </ul>	
78	<ul> <li>Housing stewardship of state CEs under one roof</li> <li>Number of Properties per Acquisition Program and their different types.</li> </ul>	
78	<ul> <li>CLSP Staff</li> </ul>	
79	<ul> <li>CLSP Mission</li> </ul>	
80	<ul> <li>Protect the state's investment in natural resources</li> </ul>	
81	<ul> <li>Conservation Purposes &amp; Values</li> </ul>	
82	<ul> <li>Productive farmland &amp; forests</li> </ul>	
83	<ul> <li>Outdoor recreation &amp; education</li> </ul>	
84	<ul> <li>Scenic views &amp; rural character</li> </ul>	
85	<ul> <li>Special habitats &amp; wildlife</li> </ul>	
86	<ul> <li>Water quality &amp; access</li> </ul>	
87	<ul> <li>Solve issues before they become problems</li> <li>CLOP Primery Palace</li> </ul>	
88	<ul> <li>CLSP Primary Roles         <ul> <li>Landowner Communication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
89 90	<ul> <li>Landowner Communication</li> <li>The most important role</li> </ul>	
90 91	<ul> <li>Early contact is essential</li> </ul>	
92	<ul> <li>Help Landowners achieve their goals and interests within context of CE</li> </ul>	=
93	<ul> <li>Conservation Easement Interpretation</li> </ul>	-
94	<ul> <li>Educational resources</li> </ul>	
95	<ul> <li>Problem resolution</li> </ul>	
96	<ul> <li>Meet with foresters or property managers</li> </ul>	
97	o Monitoring	
98	<ul> <li>Why monitor?</li> </ul>	
99	Legal and ethical implications	
100	Maintain Landowner relationships	

101	<ul> <li>Ensure Conservation Values and purposes</li> </ul>
102	Document change over time
103	<ul> <li>Process</li> </ul>
104	Landowner contact
105	Areas of new activity
105	<ul> <li>Access points</li> </ul>
100	Boundary conditions
107	<ul> <li>Municipal Support and Oversight</li> </ul>
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109	<ul> <li>Annual outreach and reporting</li> <li>Field Visits every 4-6 years</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>Technical support and training</li> <li>Issues the most challenging area</li> </ul>
112 113	<ul> <li>Issues – the most challenging area</li> <li>No specified logal interact</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>No specified legal interest</li> <li>CORD has important role</li> </ul>
114	CORD has important role
115	Challenges
116	<ul> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Communication (or look thereof)</li> </ul>
117	<ul> <li>Communication (or lack thereof)</li> </ul>
118	<ul> <li>Always changing</li> <li>Accountability</li> </ul>
119 120	Accountability
	<ul> <li>CE interpretations</li> <li>Consistency matters, softing procedent</li> </ul>
121	<ul> <li>Consistency matters, setting precedent</li> <li>Original intert versus medern entions</li> </ul>
122	<ul> <li>Original intent versus modern options</li> <li>AC assistance needed more frequently.</li> </ul>
123	<ul> <li>AG assistance needed more frequently</li> <li>Third Partice</li> </ul>
124	• Third Parties
125	<ul> <li>Abutter encroachments</li> <li>Bublic misures and evenues</li> </ul>
126	<ul> <li>Public misuse and overuse</li> <li>Darking, betweene daga</li> </ul>
127	<ul> <li>Parking, bathrooms, dogs</li> <li>Municipal currencipio</li> </ul>
128	Municipal ownership
129	<ul> <li>Conflicts of interest</li> <li>Look of funding and/or support</li> </ul>
130	<ul> <li>Lack of funding and/or support</li> <li>CC members tunisally volunteer</li> </ul>
131	<ul> <li>CC members typically volunteer</li> <li>State has no specified legal interact</li> </ul>
132	<ul> <li>State has no specified legal interest</li> <li>CORD has role to play</li> </ul>
133	<ul> <li>CORD has role to play</li> <li>Today and jets the future</li> </ul>
134 135	<ul> <li>Today and into the future</li> <li>Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>
136	• Team of 2 ¼ people
137 138	<ul> <li>Loss of DNCR MOA</li> <li>Director pending retirement</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Director pending retirement</li> <li>CE stauardabin increasingly more complex</li> </ul>
139	<ul> <li>CE stewardship increasingly more complex</li> </ul>
140	Then Ma Harding Ma McNaughtan and Mr. Haaklay, anoward quantiona from Council
141	Then Ms. Harding, Ms. McNaughten, and Mr. Hackley answered questions from Council
142	members about how the endowment is funded; reasons for which land is put in conservation,
143	and whether some are more prevalent (like recreation or preservation or natural resources);
144 145	whether there is any liability attached to the conservation easement holder; easement
145 146	monitoring responsibilities and how local municipalities address that; process of determining the
146	amount of contribution for monitoring when land is put under a conservation easement; and
147 149	baseline documentation preparation and who's responsible for it.
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- 149 150 Chair Caswell thanked Ms. Harding for the presentation and answering Council's questions.

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#### B. Updates from Steve Walker, Director Conservation Land Stewardship Program.

154 Ms. Verdile said there was a memo from Mr. Walker that was distributed to the members and it 155 will be an agenda discussion item for the October Meeting.

# 156157 OTHER BUSINESS

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### Next Meeting: October 12, 2023, from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

161 Ms. Verdile noted the deadline for submitting Surplus Land Review applications for the October 162 2023 meeting is September 1, 2023 and for administrative documents – October 4. 2023.

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165 *MOTION:* After a motion by Mr. Caswell meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.