



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

DRAFT MINUTES – August 10, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Taylor Caswell, Chair, Commissioner, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs.
- John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services
- Mark Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety
- Jack Ruderman, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority
- Shawn Jasper, Designee, Department of Agriculture
- Jared Nylund, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services (arrived at 3:10 PM)
- Stephen Labonte, Designee, NH Department of Transportation
- Betsy McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish & Game
- Patrick Hackley, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- Amy Clark, Designee, Department of Education
- Mark Sanborn, Department of Environmental Services

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

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

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

MINUTES

A. Approval of May 11, 2023, draft minutes

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

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

LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

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 the program:

- Agency History

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

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

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

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

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

