

New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development



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FINAL MINUTES – May 13, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT (via remote participation)

Jared Chicoine, Chair, Director, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives (alone)
Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, NH Department of Agriculture (alone)
John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services (alone)
Stephen McLocklin, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services (alone)
Adam Smith, Designee, NH Department of Transportation (alone)
Marta Modigliani, Designee, NH Department of Safety (alone)
Jack Ruderman, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority (shared workspace)
Christopher Way, Designee, NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (alone)
Tracy Boisvert, Designee, NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (alone)
Amy Clark, Designee, NH Department of Education (alone)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Michael Klass, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
Stephen Walker, NH Office of Strategic Initiatives

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 9:32 AM by Chairman Chicoine who began with a right-to-know compliance checklist as this was a virtual meeting. He finished with a roll call for CORD member attendance.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval of March 11, 2021 draft minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Christopher Way, seconded by Adam Smith, the March 11, 2021 minutes, as revised, were approved unanimously by the Council, with Commissioner Jasper and Amy Clark abstaining (via roll call vote).

III. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

A. Land Conservation Endowment Fund. Discussion regarding endowment disbursement and request for authorization to expend for FYs 2022 and 2023.

Mr. Walker, Conservation Land Stewardship (CLS) Program Director said this was a routine request for disbursement from the Land Conservation Endowment Fund to fund the CLS budget for the upcoming biennium. He noted that the disbursement request includes monitoring of two large DNCR Forest and Lands properties in the northern part of the state, which were added a few years ago.

MOTION: On a motion by Commissioner Jasper, seconded by John Martin, the Council authorized disbursement of funds from the Land Conservation Endowment for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, consistent with the Memo from Stephen Walker to CORD dated May 13, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote).

- B. Request for CORD approval and authority to update prior authorization concerning easement on certain property located in Danbury, New Hampshire.

Mr. Walker noted that the CLS program monitors this property in Danbury along the Wilmot town line. A few years ago during a routine monitoring visit a large amount of trash was found dumped along the edge of property. The area of the property where the trash was found is used as a turn-around for Town of Danbury road maintenance vehicles when they come to the town line. CLS has worked with the land owner and the Town of Danbury to a) get the trash picked up, b) make sure this doesn't happen again, c) formalize that the Town can use the small turn-around for their road maintenance vehicles. Chris Aslin from the Department of Justice has worked to make sure this use complies with the terms of the conservation easement. An attempt was made two years ago to deal with this situation, but the Town of Danbury took issue with some of the wording at the time, so it took another year and a half to get to this point.

Mr. Martin asked what steps were taken to make sure the dumping doesn't happen again. Mr. Walker replied that there is an agreement with the Town that if the dumping happens again, the Town will be responsible for cleaning it up. The Town will also put up barriers along the edge of the turn-around to prevent future dumping. Mr. Walker also noted that the turn-around/bump out predates the easement.

MOTION: On a motion by Christopher Way, seconded by Shawn Jasper, the Council approved and authorized Director Chicoine to execute updated easement materials for certain property located in Danbury, New Hampshire. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote).

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Chicoine noted that in the Governors' Proposed Budget, HB2, the Governor has proposed the creation of a Department of Energy. As a result, the Office of Strategic Initiatives would be dissolved with the energy functions going to a new Department of Energy, the Planning Division moving to the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA), and the Conservation Land Stewardship Program becoming administratively attached to the Department of Administrative Services. If the budget is passed, the chairmanship of CORD will change,

which the Senate is working out as it takes up the budget. If a budget is passed in June and becomes effective July 1st, CORD would have a new chair at its next meeting on July 8th. If the proposal doesn't make it into the final budget or the budget is not signed by July 8th, Chairman Chicoine will remain Chair.

Chairman Chicoine in response to a question from Ms. Boisvert noted that CORD will reside in the statute pertaining to the Office of Planning and Development at BEA with the Commissioner of BEA likely chairing the Council.

Mr. Way thanked Chairman Chicoine for his leadership of the Council.

Chairman Chicoine noted CORD's next meeting date on July 8, 2021

MOTION: With business completed, Commissioner Jasper moved to adjourn the meeting, which Mr. McLocklin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council (via roll call vote).

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM

Reminder – Tentative 2021 Meeting Dates

~~January 14~~
July 8

~~March 11~~
September 9

~~May 13~~
November 10