

# New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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## **FINAL MEETING MINUTES – November 12, 2015**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Meredith Hatfield, Chair, Director, NH Office of Energy and Planning  
William Carpenter, Designee, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development  
Timothy Drew, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services  
Richard Cook, Designee, NH Fish and Game Department  
Nancy Spaulding, Designee, NH Department of Transportation  
Timothy Carney, Designee, NH Department of Education

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Tracey Boisvert, NH Office of Energy and Planning  
Susan Slack, NH Office of Energy and Planning

#### **I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was opened at 9:45 a.m. by Ms. Hatfield, who noted that a quorum of the membership was not present. Ms. Hatfield said approval of the September meeting minutes would be postponed to the next meeting in January.

#### **II. TABLED SLR 15-007**

Ms. Hatfield asked Mr. Carpenter about the status of DRED's surplus land disposal request, SLR 15-007 – WARNER, which was tabled at the July CORD meeting pending further information. Mr. Carpenter said the information isn't available yet and the request could remain tabled for the January meeting.

#### **III. RSA 9-B SMART GROWTH**

##### **A. Update from Office of Energy and Planning**

Ms. Slack said that OEP had sent Smart Growth surveys to state agencies, municipalities and regional planning commissions in preparation for drafting the CORD report required

by RSA 9-B. Ms. Slack said that several agencies and Regional Planning Commissions had not yet responded to the survey and that she will work with them over the next several weeks to encourage their responses, and will work with CORD members to ensure that their agencies participate. She said OEP planned to provide CORD with an outline of the report's findings at the January meeting.

#### **IV. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)**

##### **A. LCIP ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Boisvert provided an overview of the monitoring and status updates of land interests acquired through the Land Conservation Investment Program for the 2014 fiscal year. The annual report includes updates from the Conservation Land Stewardship Program at the Office of Energy & Planning, the NH Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

Ms. Boisvert noted that the annual report is required by RSA 162-C:8, IV and provides background information on the Land Conservation Investment Program. She said the general text of the report is similar to previous reports and that updates from the past year on state-held easement properties are found in Appendix A and municipally-held properties are in Appendix B, both of which were prepared by OEP. Appendix C includes updates from the past year on state fee-owned properties assigned to NH Fish and Game for management, and Appendix D contains updates on state fee-owned properties assigned to DRED for management.

Ms. Boisvert said that large-scale energy projects proposed in New Hampshire and their potential impact on LCIP properties has taken considerable staff time this past year. She also noted that 18 new conservation projects in the state have added stewardship money to the Land Conservation Endowment Fund, which is added to the fund's principal. Endowment funds are distributed to OEP for stewardship monitoring through agreements with Fish and Game, DRED and the Department of Agriculture. Some funds are also distributed to DRED to monitor large properties in the North Country. She said Endowment fund information is found in Appendix E of the report. Ms. Boisvert said the fund totals \$3,587,518 and that \$163,000 is available for monitoring. She said the state Treasury Department manages the endowment fund through investment with Fidelity.

Ms. Boisvert noted that the municipally-held properties are monitored by the municipalities themselves and reports are filed with OEP. In addition OEP monitors the municipally-held properties once every five years.

Mr. Cook reported that the LCIP portion of Fish and Game managed land at the Sewalls Falls bridge reconstruction project in Concord has been completed. He also reported that Fish and Game is seeking federal funds to construct the boat ramp and parking facility on Lake Sunapee, known as the Wild Goose LCIP property, approved by CORD. He said if funding is obtained, public hearings will be required before construction of the facility.

Mr. Carpenter reported that work continues on updating the management plan for the Nash Stream State Forest, which includes LCIP property and that a presentation to CORD will be given, maybe at the January meeting. Ms. Hatfield added that CORD could add a special meeting to its schedule, if requested by DRED.

Ms. Boisvert noted that the proposed Northern Pass transmission project may involve portions of the Nash Stream State Forest, Cape Horn and Percy State Forests, all LCIP properties. Ms. Hatfield reported that OEP will be sending a letter to the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC), which is hearing the Northern Pass request, to make sure the SEC is aware those three properties are LCIP properties and under CORD jurisdiction.

Ms. Hatfield thanked Ms. Boisvert, Fish and Game and DRED for their efforts in preparing the LCIP annual report.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Hatfield drew CORD members' attention to the 2016 meeting dates: January 14, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8 and November 10.

Ms. Hatfield also reported that Senate Bill 388 had been enacted and establishes a study commission on state conservation efforts. She said Ms. Boisvert will follow the commission's work and update CORD.

She also reported that an LSR had been submitted by Senator Hosmer proposing a study of OEP's state planning efforts and that the Conservation Land Stewardship Program is part of OEP's planning division. She said OEP would keep CORD informed of the progress of the bill during the 2016 legislative session.

Mr. Carney announced that he will soon be replaced as the designee for the Department of Education. Ms. Hatfield thanked him for his participation and contributions during his service on CORD.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Meredith A. Hatfield, Chair  
Director, NH Office of Energy and Planning

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