



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

DRAFT MINUTES – October 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Heather Shank, Designee, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Chair
- Shawn Jasper, Department of Agriculture
- Patrick Hackley, Designee, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- Amy Clark, Designee, Department of Education
- Adam Smith, Designee, Department of Transportation
- Jack Ruderman, Designee, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority
- Mark E. Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety
- Betsey McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish & Game
- Jared Nylund, Designee, Department of Administrative Services
- John Martin, Designee, Department of Health and Human Services
- Adam Crepeau, Designee, Department of Environmental Services

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

- Brendan McDowell, Principal Planner, OPD (CORD Staff)
- Allen Brooks, CORD Attorney, Attorney General’s Office, Department of Justice
- Steve Walker, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program
- Charlotte Harding, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 3.00 PM by Heather Shank. She provided a brief overview of the recent changes at BEA with the creation of a new Division of Planning and Community Development (DPCD). The new division combines the Office of Planning and Development, Office of Broadband Initiatives and the Invest NH office. Ms. Shank is the new Director of DPCD and the new CORD designee as Chair for Commissioner Caswell. Ms. Shank briefly spoke about having a broader conversation regarding CORD and its various roles. She will follow up at the next meeting.

She also noted that there are two documents being drafted now with the assistance of Attorney Brooks, which will be discussed during future meetings, one being the CORD Procedures for Reviewing LCIP Requests from Property Owners, and the other a more general document for CORD members about CORD processes in general.

Ms. Shank introduced the new OPD Principal Planner Brendan McDowell who is the new staff person for CORD.

MINUTES

Approval of August 8, 2024 meeting minutes.

August 8, 2024 minutes were reviewed, two changes were made.

51 **MOTION:** *On a motion by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Mr. Ruderman, the August 8th, 2024*
52 *minutes were approved as amended, unanimously, with abstentions due to absence at the*
53 *August meeting by Mr. Smith and Ms. McNaughten.*

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55 **LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)**

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57 **FY24 Annual Report on the Monitoring & Status Updates of Land Interests Acquired**
58 **through the NH Land Conservation Investment Program.**

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60 Mr. Walker briefly went over the FY 24 Annual Report highlights, described what LCHIP is, how
61 the Custodial Endowment Account works and its renewal process. He also explained about the
62 Memoranda of Agreement with the DOJ, DNCR, and Fish & Game (the latter two have expired
63 and would need to be renewed), and how LCHIP is funded.

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65 Mr. Walker also noted a new mandate from the US Department of Agriculture, where if it funds
66 an agricultural practice on a conservation easement, the landowner is supposed to check with
67 the agency whether it is allowed. He added the USDA should be educating the impacted state
68 agencies about it. Chair Shank asked Mr. Walker to follow up with her on the actual language of
69 this new requirement. She also noted that this was only informational for CORD and no action
70 needs to be taken at this point.

71 She thanked Mr. Walker for his presentation.

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73 **SURPLUS LAND REVIEW**

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75 **SLR 2024-005 Frenchman’s Lane, Portsmouth - The Department of Administrative**
76 **Services proposes to gift transfer approximately 0.07 acres of Frenchman’s Lane**
77 **abutting Islington Street in Portsmouth, NH to the City of Portsmouth. The proposed use**
78 **would remain the same as the current use.**

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80 Jared Nylund, Designee, Department of Administrative Services explained the proposal, and
81 said that in internal conversations about the potential value of this parcel to any agency it was
82 decided to just gift transfer it to the city with GNC authorization.

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84 Mr. Nyland answered questions from CORD members about the lack of conservation value of
85 the parcels, its use as a city right of way, which will remain unchanged, legal review of the
86 deeds, etc.

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88 **MOTION:** *Mr. Jasper made a motion to approve the DAS request to gift transfer approximately*
89 *0.07 acres of Frenchman’s Lane abutting Islington Street in Portsmouth, NH to the City of*
90 *Portsmouth. Ms. McNaughten duly seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 11:1:0 with*
91 *abstentions by Mr. Nyland.*

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93 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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95 There were no questions.

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97 **Next Meeting – DECEMBER 12, 2024, at 3:00 – 4:00 PM.**

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99 *Meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.*

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102 **NOTE:** SLR application deadline is NOVEMBER 8th for the December meeting, a department
103 staff person must attend to present any requests their agency refers to CORD.
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