

**New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development****Approved MINUTES – August 8, 2024****Approved as amended on 10/10/2024****MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joseph Doiron, Designee, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Chair
John Martin, Designee, Department of Health and Human Services
Allen Wyman, Designee, Department of Agriculture
Patrick Hackley, Designee, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Amy Clark, Designee, Department of Education
Jared Nylund, Designee, Department of Administrative Services
Stephen LaBonte, Designee, Department of Transportation
Jack Ruderman, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority
Adam Crepeau, Designee, Department of Environmental Services
Mark E. Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety

MEMBERS ABSENT

Betsey McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish & Game

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Heather Shank, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, OPD (CORD Staff)
Allen Brooks, CORD Attorney, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice
Charlotte Harding, NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program
Lou Barker, Department of Transportation, Rail and Transit

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was opened at 3:02 pm by Chair Doiron.

MINUTES**Approval of June 13, 2024 meeting minutes.**

June 13th, 2024 minutes were reviewed, several changes were made.

MOTION: *On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ruderman, the June 13th, 2024 minutes were approved as amended, unanimously, with abstentions due to absence at the June 13th meeting by Mr. Doyle and Mr. Crepeau.*

LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)

Steve Walker, from the Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP), referred a possible conservation easement deed violation to CORD. The Town of Cornish Board of Selectmen has authorized conveyance of tracts of land under conservation easement, possibly in violation of easement deed prohibitions.

Mr. Walker was not present. Ms. Shank shared Mr. Walker's concern that the town allowed tracts to be conveyed to separate owners, possibly in violation of the easement deed.

Upon review of the easement documents, Mr. Brooks, attorney for CORD, could find no language prohibiting the action, as can be found in other similar deeds.

Ms. Shank conveyed Mr. Walker's stated concern that additional property owners can create more complication for the town and staff to monitor, which CORD members may want to consider when reviewing new easement documents.

Mr. Doyle asked for clarification that there was no change of use. Mr. Wyman commended Steve for identifying the issues.

No motions were made.

SURPLUS LAND REVIEW

A. SLR 2024-003 Greenfield – The Bureau of Rail and Transit (DOT) proposes to lease approximately .63 acres of railroad land (Hillsboro Branch Railroad Corridor) in Greenfield, NH to Kathleen Kelly, an abutter, for equestrian training, horse riding lessons, and overflow parking during horse shows.

Lou Barker, Bureau of Rail and Transit (DOT) explained that the property was vacant and not being used. DOT does not anticipate using it for railroad use and has no objection to lease it to the abutter. DOT assumes the land will be used as described.

***MOTION:** Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the DOT request to lease .63 acres of land in Greenfield, NH to Kathleen Kelly, an abutter, for equestrian training, horse riding lessons, and overflow parking during horse shows. Mr. Doyle seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with abstentions by Mr. Wyman and Mr. LaBonte.*

B. SLR 2024-004 Claremont – DAS proposes to dispose of the Monadnock Mill building located at 17 Water Street in the historic district of Claremont, NH. The property is .25 acres with a 4-story of ice building constructed in 1840, which abuts the Sugar River. The building has been used for state offices until spring of 2024 when the last state agency relocated.

Mr. Nylund explained the proposal and noted that New Hampshire Housing, as well as the City of Claremont, expressed interest in acquiring the property.

Mr. Ruderman noted that NH Housing requested to have the discussion on the item postponed until they had a chance to review. Mr. Nylund stated that the process should play out with NH Housing having the first priority to acquire the property, as is noted in statute (RSA 204-D). However, he asked that CORD grant their approval provided neither entity is interested. He explained that they do not want to wait until the next meeting for an approval if neither entity pursues the property. Mr. Ruderman was not opposed to this.

Mr. Hackley read into the record an email from Nadine Miller of the NH Division of Historic resources which stated, "The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has been working with the Department of Administrative Services since 2021 on the disposition of this

historic property. At that time, DHR requested that a Character-Defining Features Report be prepared by a qualified preservation consultant for submission to the City of Claremont's Historic District Commission (HDC). This task was completed. The building is located in the city's local historic district which is regulated by the HDC. The DHR is confident that the HDC will, as part of their powers and duties outlined in RSA 674:46-a, utilize the report to work with the new property owner to ensure that significant historic features are maintained. The DHR has provided a finding of "No Adverse Effect" and does not recommend an easement be placed on the property."

Mr. Brooks clarified that NH Housing does have priority over the Town of Claremont for acquisition of the property, per state statute.

MOTION: *Mr. Wyman made a motion to approve the DAS request to dispose of the Monadnock Mill building located at 17 Water Street in Claremont, NH. Mr. Labonte seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with abstentions by Mr. Nylund, Mr. Ruderman, and Mr. Hackley.*

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Notification from DOT regarding right of way lot line adjustment of railroad property in Keene.

Mr. Barker noted that properties purchased by federal highway funds are not required to go before CORD for recommendation; however, DOT wanted to let them know of the action. The property owner asked for the lot line adjustment so they can mow their lawn and perform basic house maintenance without trespassing on state land. DOT intends to grant the lot line adjustment.

There were no questions.

B. Next Meeting – Mr. Doiron announced that the next Regular Meeting is October 10, 2024, from 3 to 4 pm.

Mr. Doiron announced that the SLR application deadline for the August CORD meeting is September 6th, 2024. He also noted that there must be a representative from the agency to speak about the SLR being presented.

Mr. Doiron adjourned the meeting at 3:34 pm.