



**New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development**

**FINAL MINUTES – March 7, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Joseph Doiron, Designee, Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Chair
- John Martin, Designee, NH Department of Health and Human Services
- Mark Doyle, Designee, Department of Safety
- Patrick Hackley, Designee, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- Jack Ruderman, Designee, NH Housing Finance Authority
- Adam Crepeau, Designee, NH Department of Environmental Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

- Amy Clark, Designee, Department of Education
- Shawn Jasper, Designee, Department of Agriculture
- Jared Nylund, Designee, NH Department of Administrative Services
- Stephen LaBonte, Designee, NH Department of Transportation
- Betsey McNaughten, Designee, NH Fish & Game

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

- Stephanie N. Verdile, NH Office of Planning and Development (CORD Staff)
- Ken Gallager, NH Office of Planning and Development
- Christopher Aslin, CORD Attorney, Attorney General’s Office
- Melissa Fales, Attorney General’s Office
- 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 P.M. by Chair Doiron.

**MINUTES**

**Approval of January 11th, 2024, draft minutes**

Draft January 11th, 2024, minutes were reviewed, no changes were made.

**MOTION:** *On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ruderman, the January 11th, 2024, minutes were approved as presented, with all voting in favor but Mr. Crepeau, who abstained due to not being present at that meeting.*

**LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)**

**Steve Walker, Director Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP) review and request re-authorization of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Land Conservation Endowment (LCE) monitoring program with Department of Justice (DOJ).**

51 Mr. Walker introduced himself and explained he was there to simply sign the Memorandum of  
52 Agreement (MOA) for the Land Conservation Endowment (LCE) monitoring program with  
53 Department of Justice (DOJ).  
54 Melissa Fales from the Attorney General's Office noted the original easement monitoring began  
55 in 2014 and this is an extension of the MOA for another 10 years.  
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58 ***MOTION made by Mr. Crepeau, duly seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the authorization***  
59 ***of Memorandum of Agreement for the Land Conservation Endowment Monitoring***  
60 ***Program with the NH Department of Justice as proposed. Motion carried by a unanimous***  
61 ***vote in favor.***  
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64 **OTHER BUSINESS**  
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66 **Board on Geographic Name Change (BGN) - Ken Gallagher, Principal Planner, Office of**  
67 **Planning and Development (OPD). BGN presentation and discussion regarding a name**  
68 **change requests for "Eastman Cove", located in Sandwich, NH.**  
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70 Mr. Gallagher said CORD members have recently received the federal Board on Geographic  
71 Names request for comment from the state of New Hampshire on a proposal to rename a cove  
72 on Squam Lake. Formerly known as "Squaw Cove", it was renamed "Eastman Cove" in 2022 as  
73 part of an expedited process by the US Department of the Interior to change the names of all  
74 geographic features containing the word "Squaw". A resident of the town of Sandwich, in  
75 collaboration with the Cowasuck Band of the Abenaki people, has submitted a request to the  
76 BGN to rename the water body "Senskwa Cove", utilizing the Abenaki word for "Stone Woman"  
77 - Senskwa to highlight the rock formation and corresponding historical lore as a replacement for  
78 Eastman Cove. The name change has received the support of the New Hampshire Commission  
79 on Native American Affairs. The town of Sandwich Board of Selectmen has abstained from  
80 providing recommendations leaving it to the experts.

81 Mr. Gallagher noted NH Fish & Game will be meeting in April to provide comments. He also  
82 noted another proposal will be coming to CORD soon to rename the hill on which the Town  
83 Center of Hampton Falls is located. The proposed name for that would be Third Parish Hill.  
84 Mr. Doiron clarified CORD will frequently have named proposals that come for review. This is an  
85 opportunity for Mr. Gallagher to provide information to CORD members. CORD does not have  
86 the authority to comment on name changes as a public body; however, a CORD meeting may  
87 be used for discussion purposes on any such proposal that may come before it. Each state  
88 agency should submit its final comments to Mr. Gallagher directly by May 9, 2024.

89 Mr. Gallagher then answered a question about the previous proposal to rename Baker River  
90 which he said hasn't been decided yet as it was still pending comments from towns.  
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92 **Next Meeting: May 9, 2024, from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.**  
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94 Mr. Doiron clarified the SLR application deadline for the May CORD meeting is April 5th, 2024,  
95 and it is heavily enforced. He also noted there has to be a representative from the agency to  
96 speak about the SLR that is being presented to CORD.  
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98 ***MOTION: After a motion by Mr. Hackley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, and a unanimous vote in***  
99 ***favor, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.***