



## **New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development (CORD)**

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024  
Time: 3:00-4:00 P.M.  
Location: Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
Kinsman Conference Room, 100 N. Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

### **AGENDA**

- I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. MINUTES** – Approval of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes
- III. LAND & COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)** – No item.
- IV. LAND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)** – No Item.
- V. SURPLUS LAND REVIEW**
  - A. SLR 2024-006 Hillsborough – The Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services (DMAVS) proposes to dispose by sale to the Town of Hillsborough of a perpetual highway drainage infrastructure easement over a small area of land abutting the West Main Street (NH RT 9 and 202) right of way. The Town has proposed a sidewalk construction project along the south side of West Main Street, including along the roadway frontage of the DMAVS property at 140 West Main Street.
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Name Change on Squam Lake Cove
  - B. CORD procedures discussion
  - C. 2025 CORD Meeting Schedule and Applications Deadlines
  - D. Next meeting – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

II. Minutes  
October 10, 2024



**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 CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCIP)**

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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 LCIP 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 LCIP 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 8<sup>th</sup> for the December meeting, a department  
103 staff person must attend to present any requests their agency refers to CORD.  
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DRAFT

V. SLR Request  
2024-006 Hillsborough



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Laura Buono, Town Administrator, Town of Hillsborough  
Micael P. Soucy, Clerk, Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners  
Michael Tardiff, Executive Director, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning  
Commission  
Members, Council on Resources and Development (CORD)

**FROM:** Heather Shank, Director, Division of Planning and Community Development  
Brendan McDowell, Principal Planner, Office of Planning and Development

**DATE:** November 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Surplus Land Review  
2024 SLR 006 – Hillsborough

The Council on Resources and Development (CORD) will hold a public meeting on the attached request on December 12, 2024, from 3-4 pm in the Kinsman Conference Room at the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (DBEA), 100 N. Main Street, Concord.

Please review the request and provide any comments in writing to [Brendan.McDowell@livefree.nh.gov](mailto:Brendan.McDowell@livefree.nh.gov) by December 3, 2024.

Please note, the application is also reviewed by the following organizations:

- The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/NH Division of Historical Resources, in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.
- Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board, in accordance with RSA 233-A.
- The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.
- The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.

For more information, see [DBEA – Office of Planning & Development – CORD](#).



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

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October 29, 2024

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner  
Heather Shank, Chair, Council on Resources and Development (CORD)  
NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
100 North Main Street, Suite 100  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**RE: CORD Surplus Land Review- Proposed Grant of Highway Drainage Easement to  
Town of Hillsborough, New Hampshire**

Dear Mr. Caswell and Ms. Shank,

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services (DMAVS) proposes to dispose by sale to the Town of Hillsborough of a perpetual highway drainage infrastructure easement over a small area of land abutting the West Main Street (New Hampshire Routes 9 and 202) right-of-way, situated in the northeasterly corner of the state-owned parcel of land located at 140 West Main Street in the Town of Hillsborough, New Hampshire, which parcel is known as the New Hampshire Army National Guard Hillsborough Readiness Center property (the "Host Property"). The Department further proposes to dispose by sale to the Town of Hillsborough of a temporary construction easement over a narrow strip of land directly abutting the West Main Street right-of-way, located between the two driveways that provide vehicular access to and from the Host Property.

The Town has proposed a sidewalk construction project along the south side of West Main Street, including along the roadway frontage of the Host Property at 140 West Main Street. The proposed disposal consists of a temporary construction and sign easement affecting a narrow strip of land abutting West Main Street having an area of approximately 1,094 square feet and a permanent ditch, drain, stormwater management and culvert easement affecting an approximately 467-square-foot area of land located in the northeasterly corner of the Host Property. No permanent improvements will be made within the proposed temporary easement area, as it will primarily be used for access to the work area within the right-of-way and for temporary storage and staging of equipment and materials, and the temporary easement will expire on its own terms at the end of the easement term specified in the easement deed.



CORD Surplus Land Review- Proposed Grant of Highway Drainage Easement to  
Town of Hillsborough, New Hampshire  
October 29, 2024  
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Please submit the attached Surplus Land Review application to CORD for the requested review and recommendation for disposal of the proposed easements.

Sincerely,



Erin Zayac  
Administrator of Business Operations

**Council on Resources and Development**  
**REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION**

**Name of Requesting Agency:** Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services

**Agency Contact Person:** Erin Zayac, Administrator of Business Operations  
Address: 4 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301  
Phone Number: 603-225-1361  
E-Mail: erin.m.zayac@dmavs.nh.gov

**Applicant Contact Person:** Same as above  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Property:** 140 West Main St, Hillsborough, NH (Tax Map 11P, Lot 344)

**Acreage:** 1,094 SF Temporary Construction Easement and 467 SF Permanent Ditch, Drain, & Culvert Easement (approximately 0.036 acres combined)

**Requested Action:** Recommendation to dispose of the easements by sale to the Town of Hillsborough

**Term of Lease or Easement:** 2-year maximum term to be proposed for temporary easement; no term for perpetual easement

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Please complete ALL questions below and submit one digital copy via email and one hardcopy with original signatures, of the completed application to:

NH Bureau of Economic Affairs  
Attn: NH Office of Planning & Development  
100 North Main St, Suite #100,  
Concord, NH 03301  
Attn: Stephanie N. Verdile, Principal Planner [brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov](mailto:brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov)

**1. What is the current use of this property?**

The area to be affected by the proposed temporary easement is a small grass lawn area abutting the roadway between the two existing driveways that are used for access to and from the host parcel. The area to be affected by the perpetual easement includes part of another, smaller grass lawn area in the northeasterly corner of the host parcel (also abutting the roadway) and extends southerly away from the roadway near the shared boundary with the abutting parcel to the east and into an existing paved parking area within the host parcel.

**2. What is the proposed use of this property if surplusd?** Please note if proposed use is intended to create a public benefit.

The Town of Hillsborough is proposing a sidewalk project along the frontage of the host parcel. The temporary easement area will be used for access to the sidewalk construction area within the abutting right-of-way, possible temporary excavation related to the abutting sidewalk project, and also for the temporary placement, staging, and storage of construction equipment and materials. After the work is complete, the temporary easement area will be returned by the Town to its pre-project condition, after which the State's use of the area will remain the same as it is now. The perpetual

easement area will accommodate new highway drainage infrastructure to be constructed, installed, and maintained by the Town, specifically including a storm water drain, a surface water drainage ditch, and a subsurface drainage culvert. The new drainage infrastructure to be permanently constructed and installed within the perpetual easement area will be owned by the Town, and the Town's rights and obligations to maintain, repair, and replace such infrastructure will be perpetual.

3. Does the proposed use of this property entail new development?  Yes  No
- a. If yes, is it consistent with adjacent and existing development?  Yes  No
- b. Please describe how the proposed new development differs from or is similar to its surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in the use of the property or its surroundings.

4. Are there any structures located on this property?  Yes  No
- a. If yes, please describe the structures including how many and what kind?

There are two buildings (Readiness Center and Vehicle Maintenance Shop) and a few ancillary structures located within the host parcel. There are no structures within either of the proposed easement areas except for the pavement covering the parking area into which the proposed perpetual easement area extends.

5. Are there historical architectural or archaeological resources identified on this site?  Yes  No
- a. If yes, describe the resource(s)?

There are no historical resources identified within either of the proposed easement areas. However, there are three structures located within the host parcel that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Due to the presence of these structures within the host parcel, the Department believes that it has an obligation to seek review by the New Hampshire Department of Historical Resources to determine whether the proposed easement areas will affect such historical resources.

- b. If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to application submission.

6. Is there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites?  Yes  No
- a. If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent sites.  
If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance, use, and number)

This location is within the Town of Hillsborough urban compact and is surrounded by developed lots featuring commercial structures, single-family homes, a country club and restaurant, and a 9-hole golf course.

7. Does the site represent the entire state property in this location?  Yes  No
- a. If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding (percentage of total acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).

The host parcel includes a total of 7.8 +/- acres of land, out of which the Town is asking for easements over areas totaling approximately 0.036 acres (~ 0.46%).

8. Is access to this property available?  Yes  No

- a. If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applicant's property, etc)

Access to the host parcel is directly from and to West Main Street by way of two paved driveways.

- b. If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?  Yes  No

**9. Are there water resources related to this property, such as:**

**Lakes/Ponds -**  Yes  No **OR Rivers -**  Yes  No **OR Wetlands -**  Yes  No?

- a. If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.

"Property" shall be defined to mean the proposed easement areas for all purposes in response to this item 9. A small portion of the southernmost area of the host parcel is wetland. No wetlands are located within the proposed easement areas. There is a small wetland drainage swale on the eastern host parcel boundary which begins in an area adjacent to the proposed new sidewalk project. The Contoocook River forms the southern boundary of the host parcel, which is more than 400 feet from either of the proposed easement areas.

- b. If yes, briefly describe how the requirements of RSA 483-B (Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act) apply to potential development of this property:

The SWQPA does not apply to either of the proposed easement areas.

- c. If yes, briefly describe how any municipal zoning requirements for buffers or setbacks from lakes, rivers or wetlands apply to potential development of this property:

No wetlands buffer or setback requirements apply to the proposed easement areas.

- d. Is the property within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river/stream?  Yes  No

- e. If lakes or rivers are related to this property, describe current public or private access from the site to the water body?  Public  Private  No Access Available

Description: A majority of the host parcel is fenced and gated with a lock. Contoocook River pedestrian access is possible along host parcel boundaries. However, no formal or informal public or private access appears to have been established, improved, or maintained over the host parcel to the river, whether by footpath, easement, or otherwise.

- f. How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in e?

N/A

**10. Please identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to be located on or adjacent to this property.**

	Yes (property)	Yes (adjacent property)	No
a. Steep slopes .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Wetlands (Prime and NWI) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Threatened or endangered species .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Increased impervious surface .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Potential stormwater flow changes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- h. Potential river channel change .....  .....  .....
- i. Other special designations .....  .....  .....

Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.

The Contocook River forms the southern boundary of the host parcel but is more than 400 feet from either of the proposed easement areas. Only other wet area close to the proposed project site is a wet drainage swale area located along the eastern property boundary, extending southerly from West Main Street along the parcel boundary with ultimate discharge to the southern wetland and river area. The swale is not shown on any Prime or NWI wetlands maps.

**11. Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within the town.**

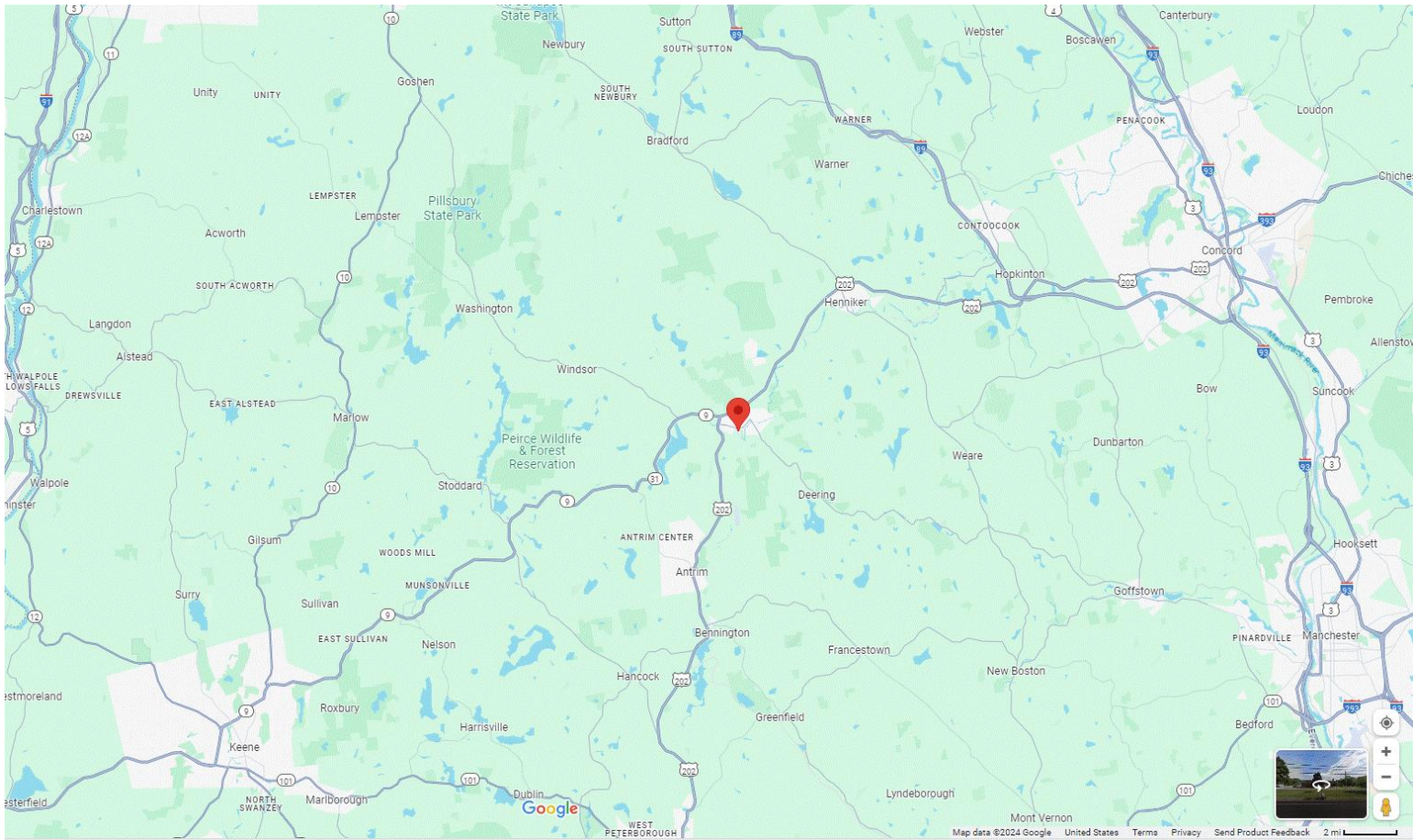
- a. Municipal tax map copy showing all abutters
- b. General location map with scale, north arrow, nearby roads, and water bodies/features\*
- c. Aerial Photograph\*
- d. Any site plans for new or proposed development prepared at the time of application
- e. Maps depicting rail lines, wetlands, conservation lands, rare species and exemplary natural communities, or topographic features are welcome but not required

\* Maps can be created with GIS, Google, Mapquest, GRANIT data mapper, or any other readily available mapping service.

*Please paste any maps and photographs submitted as part of this application here.*



140 West Main Street (NH Routes 9 and 202)  
 Hillsborough, New Hampshire  
 Town of Hillsborough GIS Tax Map Detail  
 (host parcel appears outlined in yellow above)



140 West Main Street (NH Routes 9 and 202)  
Hillsborough, New Hampshire  
Google Location Map

(approximate location marked by red pin at center of map detail above)





140 West Main Street (NH Routes 9 and 202)  
Hillsborough, New Hampshire  
Town of Hillsborough GIS Aerial Imagery Map

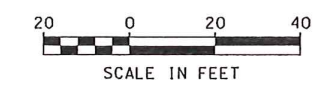
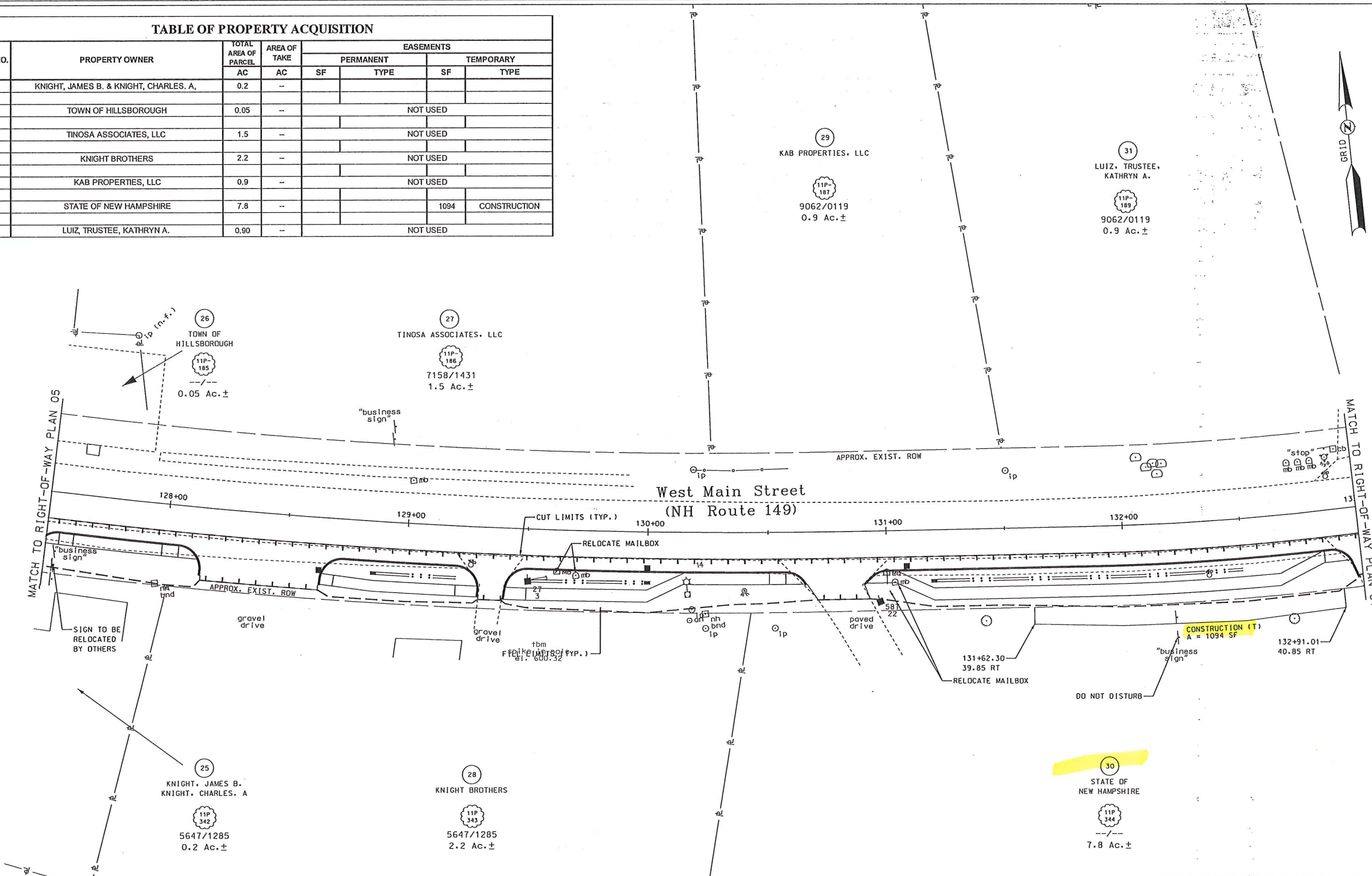
(approximate proposed easement areas are outlined in red above:  
strip along frontage = temporary construction easement  
area in top right corner of parcel = perpetual drainage easement)

REVISIONS AFTER PROPOSAL

NUMBER	DATE	STATION	DESCRIPTION

SDR PROCESSED  
 NEW DESIGN  
 SHEET CHECKED  
 AS BUILT DETAILS

PAR. NO.	PROPERTY OWNER	TOTAL AREA OF PARCEL		AREA OF TAKE		EASEMENTS			
		AC	AC	SF	AC	PERMANENT		TEMPORARY	
						SF	TYPE	SF	TYPE
25	KNIGHT, JAMES B. & KNIGHT, CHARLES. A.	0.2	--						
26	TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH	0.05	--						NOT USED
27	TINOSA ASSOCIATES, LLC	1.5	--						NOT USED
28	KNIGHT BROTHERS	2.2	--						NOT USED
29	KAB PROPERTIES, LLC	0.9	--						NOT USED
30	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	7.8	--					1094	CONSTRUCTION
31	LUIZ, TRUSTEE, KATHRYN A.	0.90	--						NOT USED



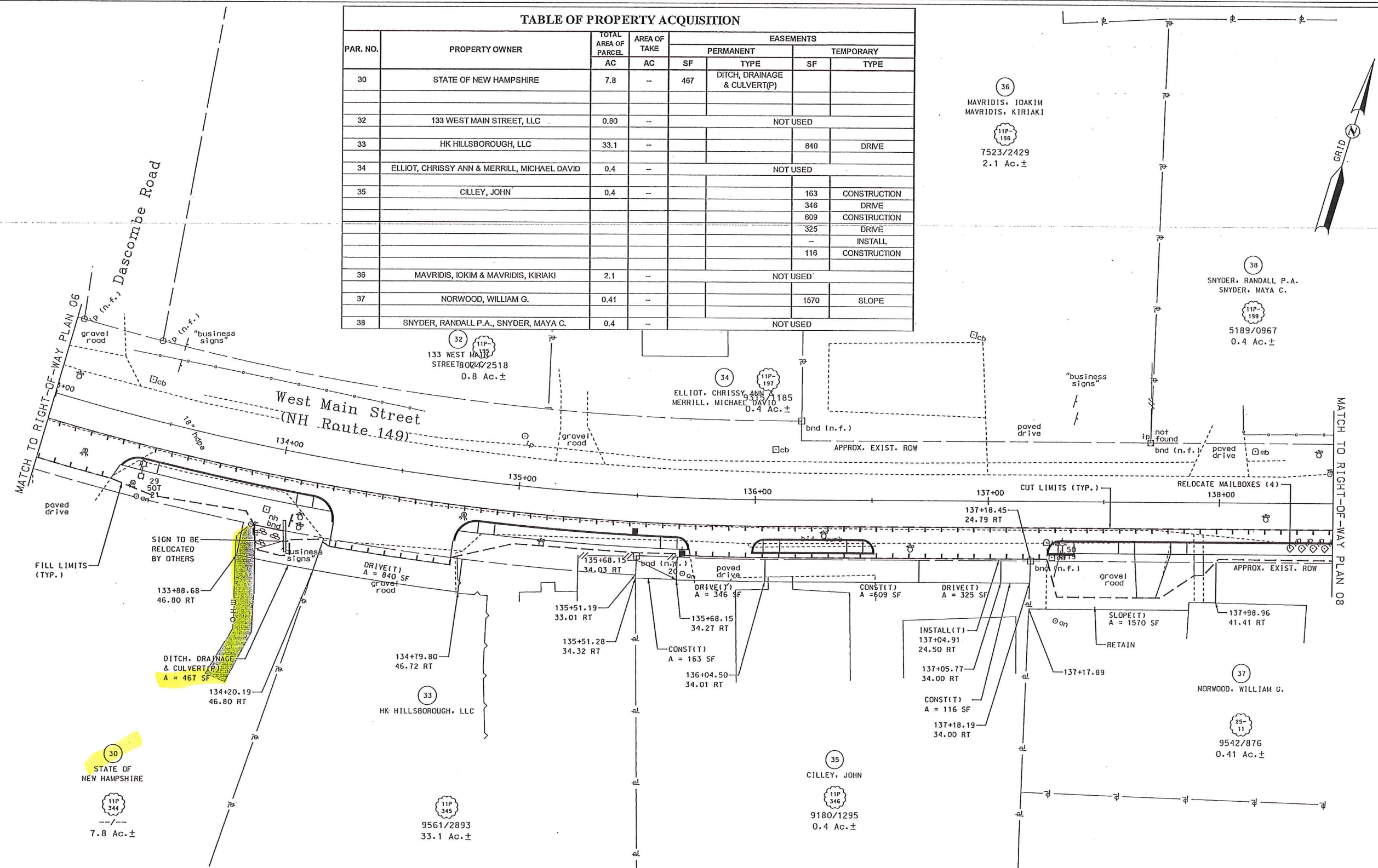
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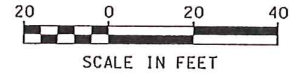
TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE			
RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 06			
DGN	STATE PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
41368rowplans	41368	9	12

TABLE OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION

PAR. NO.	PROPERTY OWNER	TOTAL AREA OF PARCEL AC	AREA OF TAKE AC	EASEMENTS			
				PERMANENT		TEMPORARY	
				SF	TYPE	SF	TYPE
30	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	7.8	--	467	DITCH, DRAINAGE & CULVERT(P)		
32	133 WEST MAIN STREET, LLC	0.80	--				NOT USED
33	HK HILLSBOROUGH, LLC	33.1	--			840	DRIVE
34	ELLIOT, CHRISSY ANN & MERRILL, MICHAEL DAVID	0.4	--				NOT USED
35	CILLEY, JOHN	0.4	--			163	CONSTRUCTION
						346	DRIVE
						609	CONSTRUCTION
						325	DRIVE
						--	INSTALL
						116	CONSTRUCTION
36	MAVRIDIS, IOKIM & MAVRIDIS, KIRIAKI	2.1	--				NOT USED
37	NORWOOD, WILLIAM G.	0.41	--			1570	SLOPE
38	SNYDER, RANDALL P.A., SNYDER, MAYA C.	0.4	--				NOT USED



NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	7/3/2024	AS BUILT DETAILS
2	7/3/2024	SHEET CHECKED
3	7/3/2024	NEW DESIGN
4	7/3/2024	SDR PROCESSED



D&K NO. 324277



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE			
<b>RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN 07</b>			
DCN	STATE PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
41368rowplans	41368	10	12



State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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November 15, 2024

Brendan McDowell  
Business and Economic Affairs  
100 North Main Street, Suite 100  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services, Surplus Land Review  
140 West Main Street, Hillsborough, NH (RPR 16584)

Dear Mr. McDowell:

In accordance with RSA 227-C:9, the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has been asked to comment on the potential surplus of a portion of the land located on the above-referenced property. The Army National Guard's Hillsborough Readiness Center was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, only a small easement area in front of the building is proposed for surplus.

It is the opinion of the DHR that the surplus of the easement for use by the Town of Hillsborough as a sidewalk would result in **No Adverse Effect** to the Hillsborough Readiness Center. Therefore, the DHR does not have concerns regarding the proposed surplus land proposal.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding our comment.

Sincerely,

Nadine Miller  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

**From:** [Andrew Cadorette](#)  
**To:** [McDowell, Brendan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CORD SLR Request  
**Date:** Friday, November 15, 2024 9:40:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

**EXTERNAL:** Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

Hi Brendan,

Thank you for reaching out to New Hampshire Housing regarding the 2024 SLR 006 – Hillsborough parcel. We have reviewed your email and, at this time, do not see a need for this parcel for use as affordable housing.

We truly appreciate you bringing this opportunity to our attention and thank you for considering us in your outreach.

Best regards,  
Andy

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**ANDREW CADORETTE**  
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**From:** McDowell, Brendan <Brendan.M.McDowell@livefree.nh.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024 3:09 PM  
**To:** laura@hillsboroughnh.net; mps107@aol.com; Caswell, Taylor <Taylor.Caswell@livefree.nh.gov>; Shank, Heather <Heather.R.Shank@livefree.nh.gov>; Michael Tardiff <mtardiff@cnhrpc.org>; Crepeau, Adam <Adam.J.Crepeau@des.nh.gov>; Smith, Adam <Adam.M.Smith@dot.nh.gov>; Brooks, Kelvin (Allen) <kelvin.a.brooks@doj.nh.gov>; Clark, Amy C <Amy.C.Clark@doe.nh.gov>; McNaughten, Elizabeth (Betsey) <Elizabeth.McNaughten@wildlife.nh.gov>; Aslin, Christopher <Christopher.G.Aslin@doj.nh.gov>; Ryan, Hilary <Hilary.L.Ryan@livefree.nh.gov>; Jack Ruderman <jruderman@nhhfa.org>; Nylund, Jared j <Jared.J.Nylund@das.nh.gov>; Martin, John <John.B.Martin@dhhs.nh.gov>; Doyle, Mark <mark.e.doyle@desc.nh.gov>; Hackley, Patrick <Patrick.D.Hackley@dncr.nh.gov>; Jasper, Shawn <Shawn.N.Jasper@agr.nh.gov>; Beauchesne, Suzanne <Suzanne.E.Beauchesne@des.nh.gov>; Williams, Louise <Louise.D.Williams@doj.nh.gov>; Labash, Marika <Marika.S.Labash@dncr.nh.gov>; Schneible, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.A.Schneible@dncr.nh.gov>; Gallagher, Ken <kenneth.r.gallagher@livefree.nh.gov>; Marks, Nisa M <nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>; Sales, Tracie <tracie.j.sales@des.nh.gov>; Michele Tremblay <mlt@naturesource.net>; tqarles@devinemillimet.com; Graaskamp, Garret <Garret.W.Graaskamp@wildlife.nh.gov>; Andrew Cadorette <acadorette@nhhfa.org>

**Subject:** CORD SLR Request

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached Surplus Land Review (SLR) request. This item will be on the December 12, 2024 CORD meeting agenda. If you have comments, please submit by December 3, 2024 to Brendan McDowell, cc'd above.

If you have questions on CORD, please see the OPD website: [CORD -Office of Planning & Development](#)

Best,

Brendan McDowell  
Principal Planner

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Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
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**Date:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024 1:55:12 PM

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Hello Brendan,

Thank you for the opportunity to review SLR 24-006 in Hillsborough. Based on the information provided, this parcel is not near or providing access to a lake and so is outside the area of interest to the Lakes Management Advisory Committee. My colleagues will reply separately for rivers interests.

Well wishes,

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Good afternoon again,

Apologies, I meant to include the request as well.

Best,

Brendan McDowell  
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**Subject:** RE: CORD SLR Request  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:20:55 AM

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Hello Brendan,

Thank you for the opportunity to review SLR 24-006 in Hillsborough. I am responding on behalf of the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) and the Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC). Their responses are as follows:

The RMAC has determined that the project is outside of RMAC jurisdiction. The RMAC has jurisdiction up to 250 feet from the river or on parcels which provide public access to rivers. These easement sites are over 400 feet from the river and will not have any impact on public river access. Therefore, the RMAC will not provide comments on this proposed sale. If you have any questions, please contact RMAC Chair Michele L. Tremblay at [mlt@naturesource.net](mailto:mlt@naturesource.net).

The CNBRLAC supports this sale. The CNBRLAC had previously reviewed the Town of Hillsborough's sidewalk project and does not believe this proposed sale will impact the river adversely. The CNBRLAC has jurisdiction up to 0.25 miles from the river reference line, therefore these easements are within CNBRLAC jurisdiction. If you have any questions, please contact CNBRLAC Chair Matt Lundsted at [mlundsted@ceiengineers.com](mailto:mlundsted@ceiengineers.com).

Best,  
Sydney

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NHDES would greatly appreciate your feedback and wants to hear from you. Please take a moment to fill out our short (5-question) [NHDES Customer Service Satisfaction Survey](#).

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**From:** McDowell, Brendan



VI. Other Business  
A. Name Change on Squam Lake Cove

**From:** [Gallager, Ken](#)  
**To:** [McDowell, Brendan](#)  
**Subject:** CORD item - Other business - Name change on Squam Lake  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024 10:01:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [Abenaki Cove proposal packet.pdf](#)  
[Nulhegan Band of the Passamaquoddy Tribe Opposed.pdf](#)  
[Rep. Gowen Opposed.pdf](#)  
[NH Commission on Native American Affairs support.pdf](#)

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Hi Brendan,

As we discussed, here is the info I would like to send out to CORD members next week, in advance of their Dec. 12 meeting. My message would be (let me know what you think):

To the members of CORD:

The US Board on Geographic Names has received a second proposal to name a cove on Squam Lake, currently named Eastman Cove. This current proposal would be to rename it **Abenaki Cove**. You will recall that I recently asked for your input on a separate renaming proposal for the water body, which was to name it "Senskwa Cove". The BGN has not yet issued a decision regarding Senskwa Cove, as they learned of this counter-proposal before they had received all input.

In addition to the files attached to this message, the BGN sent me a summary of the information they have received so far for both proposals, as follows:

- No one locally wants the name to be Eastman Cove. The SO 3404 Task Force derived this name from the nearest feature, Eastman Cove. Each sq\_\_\_-named feature had five nearest "candidate" names that could be used to select a new name in the absence of any name submitted by a Tribe or suggested by the public
- We [the BGN] have no idea why the Task Force did not select either of the names that you submitted after conversations with the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook – Abenaki; nor why they did not select the name submitted by a member of the public. The Task Force used its own methods and expertise to select the replacement names that were then presented to the BGN.
- Locals have been discussing changing the name since at least early 2023. There are two competing proposals, Senskwa Cove, submitted in November 2023; and Abenaki Cove, submitted in September 2024. Phillip Bennet proposed Senskwa Cove; Mr. Knox and his neighbor Will Speers submitted Abenaki Cove. They are each opposed to the others' proposal.
- There are no federally recognized Tribes in New Hampshire or Vermont. Vermont has recognized four Abenaki groups.
- Senskwa Cove refers to a local legend about a woman-shaped rock that had been located along the cove in the past; in Abenaki sen means "rock" and skwa is a feminine modifying

suffix (the original Algonquin use and meaning that was corrupted into "sq\_\_\_\_\_")

- Abenaki Cove refers to the Abenaki people
- Mr. Bennett's proposed name Senskwa Cove has direct support from
  - Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook – Abenaki (which suggested the name)
  - NH Commission on Native American Affairs
- Mr. Knox's proposed name Abenaki Cove has direct support from
  - New Hampshire State Representative Sherry L. Gould, a member of the VT-recognized Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe (Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation)
  - Sandwich Historical Society Director
  - a Hoag Island Preservation Trust Trustee / Coolidge Farm Preservation Trust Trustee / The Upper Asquam Roads Association Director
  - the VT-recognized Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe (Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation)
  - a Franklin Pierce University Professor of Anthropology
  - the Middlebury College Abenaki Language School Director
- These groups endorsed the efforts to change the name of Eastman Cove to a name that honors the Abenaki people, the Abenaki language, and “to the extent possible retains a connection to the long-lived legend of Sq\_\_\_\_ Cove.” [they specifically have not supported either proposal]
  - Lakes Region Conservation Trust
  - Squam Lakes Association
  - Squam Lakes Conservation Society

Mr. Knox questions the NH Commission on Native American Affairs' support for Senskwa Cove given that the VT Abenaki groups and others he talked to reject the local legend as being authentically Abenaki, and rather was a later White legend. We have a letter dated 1/2/24 from the NH Commission on Native American Affairs stating support for Senskwa Cove, but there are [no minutes online after November 2023](#) and past minutes indicated they were leaning toward supporting a different name, Nokemesek Cove.

NH State Representative Gould wrote a letter in late April 2024 stating that the VT-recognized Abenaki groups be consulted and that the "NH Intertribal group that represents Native Americans from other recognized tribes who are resident in New Hampshire". I think she is referring to the [New Hampshire Intertribal Native American Council](#). Is this a State organization? The BGN consults only with federally recognized Tribes and I presume that CORD only has a working relationship with the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook – Abenaki.

The Town of Sandwich is staying out of the matter.

Please review the attached information and consult with co-workers in your departments regarding this new proposal from Abenaki Cove. I will be present at CORD's

December 12 meeting to give you an opportunity to ask me any questions about the proposal. As before, I will then ask each department to send me their recommendation separately.

Thank you for your help!

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## Change Eastman Cove to Abenaki Cove

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Abenaki Cove</b>
Proposal type	change name to a native name
Current official name	Eastman Cove
GNIS ID	<a href="#">872724</a>
Proponent	Richard Knox, Will Speers; Center Sandwich, NH
Date proposed	9/17/24
BGN case number	6355
Quarterly Review List	457

### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	43.7839616, -71.5122972
Feature class	bay
Feature size	130 acres
Feature description	on Squam Lake, 1 mi. NNE of The Rattlesnakes
Name history	the name refers to the Abenaki people who have inhabited the area
USGS primary topo map	Squam Mountains 1:24,000
State(s)	New Hampshire
County(s)	Carroll County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Town of Sandwich
Land ownership	private

### BGN decisions

- Eastman Cove (BGN/Secretary's Order 3404, 2022)

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
  - Eastman Cove (USGS 2023)
  - Sq \_\_\_ Cove (USGS 1928, 1931, 1980, 1986, 1995; Laws of the State of New Hampshire 1901; New Hampshire Department of Safety 2010; Town of Sandwich Master Plan 2011; Oliverian Canal Route map, 1830; *The Granite Monthly*, 1887; *History of Carroll County, New Hampshire*, 1889; *Indians of New Hampshire*, 1965; Squam Lakes Association 2000, 2019; Sandwich Historical Society 2019; numerous online real estate listings)

### Case Summary

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This proposal is to change the name of Eastman Cove, a 130-acre bay on Squam Lake in the Town of Sandwich in Carroll County, to Abenaki Cove.

The proposal was submitted by two families who live and own land along the cove, and is a counterproposal to one included on Review List 454 to change the name to Senskwa Cove, submitted by a different individual who also owns land along the cove.

The cove was formerly named Sq\_\_\_\_\_ Cove until it was changed in September 2022 as a result of [Secretary's Order 3404](#). The name Eastman Cove was presumably chosen by the [Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force](#) based on the first name on the list of candidate replacement names; Eastman Brook flows into the cove.

The Task Force received two public suggestions for potential replacement names. One was for "Suneta Cove," based on the name of a woman in one legend about the boulder. The other, containing two options, was submitted by the New Hampshire Board on Geographic Names. Following conversations with members of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook -Abenaki, those names were Olebatak Cove, meaning "It is Good Smooth Water," or Nokemesek Cove, meaning "My Grandmother's Cove"; the first a description of the cove and the second a reference to the ancestors of the original inhabitants of the area.

The name Sq\_\_\_\_\_ Cove was mentioned as early as 1830 on a map of a proposed canal in the area; it was also noted in the 1901 Laws of the State of New Hampshire and appears in present-day town, county, and State documents. Another early reference to the name was in an 1887 article in *The Granite Monthly*, titled "Asquam Lake and its Environs," which reported that "Sq\_\_\_\_\_ Cove derives its name from the fact that formerly there stood upon one of the ledges of the cove a block of granite that bore a strong resemblance to the draped figure of a woman." One local legend tells the story of a young woman named Amata who was married against her wishes to an old man named Mamon. Amata loved a young man named Moowis who came to rescue her. Mamon killed Moowis and Amata knelt to pray that her suffering be made an example for all to see, and she was turned to stone. A version of the legend included in the 1889 *History of Carroll County, New Hampshire* has the same story but different names: the young woman is "Princess Suneta," the old man is Waunega, and the young man is Anonis. It is unknown if this legend comes from American Indian tradition or if it was developed by European settlers, but supporters of the Abenaki Cove proposal have stated that it is not an authentic Abenaki legend.

Sq\_\_\_\_\_ Cove was first labeled on USGS maps in 1928, although the name ceased to appear on USTopo maps published after 2012. The 2023 edition of the USTopo shows the newly approved name Eastman Cove.

The proponents of Abenaki Cove report that they learned in 2022 that the name of the cove had been changed to Eastman Cove, which they said:

. . . . carries no historic resonance or distinction; it's derived from a 19th-century family of European descent whose land was traversed by a brook that flows into the Cove." The proponents also stated that "[a]t the time it was thought the change from Sq\_\_\_\_\_ Cove to Eastman Cove was a permanent *fait accompli*. . . . There was widespread sentiment among

local residents that they had had insufficient notice or knowledge of the [Department of the Interior] process to express preference for a locally meaningful name.

The Abenaki Cove proponents reported that they selected the name “[a]fter consultation with Abenaki community leaders, historians, archeologists, and conservationists” and:

a clear consensus has emerged that whatever new name might be chosen, it should memorialize the area’s ancient inhabitants, consistent with current-day appreciation for this deep and much-neglected history. We believe “Abenaki Cove” fulfills this objective with a name that carries widely recognized meaning, requires no explanation, and is readily pronounceable.

They also provided statements of support from many individuals:

- Don Stevens, Chief of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation (Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, a Vermont-recognized group but not federally recognized):

We are thankful to the families who are wanting to preserve our tribal ties to this place. . . . Squam Lake is a special place that keeps connecting us with the residents who live there today. We appreciate the work these partners are doing to preserve our history and honor our people past and present. We hope you [the BGN] will approve their proposal to rename Eastman Cove to Abenaki Cove for these reasons.

- New Hampshire State Representative Sherry L. Gould and Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation member:

It is with great pleasure I write in support of the proposal to change the name of Eastman’s [sic] Cove to Abenaki Cove. . . . The residents on the cove reached out to me and together we engaged other [non federally recognized] tribes in the conversation about what the name of the cove should be. . . .

- Jesse Bowman Bruchac, Director of the Middlebury College Abenaki Language School and leader of the Vermont Abenaki Place Names Project:

I am writing in support of the name change of Eastman Cove on Squam Lake to Abenaki Cove. I am aware that a group of residents who currently live on the cove have been in consultation with the recognized tribes to develop a proposal for this change. This name is specific enough for the general public to know what it is, and general enough to encompass all the bands of Abenaki who live in the area today.

- Robert G. Goodby, Professor of Anthropology, Franklin Pierce University:

Since the 1960s, the Abenaki have become increasingly visible through political activism, community organization, and through a revitalization of their traditional language and art forms. As such, the proposed name change would honor the original population with a

term that is widely recognized and accepted by indigenous and non-indigenous communities and in the academic field of history and anthropology. It also has the advantage of being broad, inclusive and all encompassing, avoiding possible disagreements that might arise if the name were one tied to a particular Abenaki community past or present.

- John H. Coolidge, Trustee, Hoag Island Preservation Trust & Coolidge Farm Preservation Trust; Director, The Upper Asquam Roads Association:

There is. . . consensus that any new name should honor the people who inhabited this area for untold generations before the arrival of European settlers. After consultation with Squam neighbors who propose ‘Abenaki Cove,’ we agree that this choice would best meet these objectives and receive wide acceptance among current-day Abenaki people and non-indigenous residents and visitors. Its meaning and significance would be well-understood.

- James Mykland, Director of the Sandwich Historical Society:

Eastman Brook. . . is named after the Eastman family who have no great historical importance to the Town (of Sandwich) or the area. . . . I would support renaming the cove ‘Abenaki Cove’ to celebrate and recognize the native peoples. . . . It would be a respectful and honorable way to remember these original people.

The full letter from Don Stevens also included the following:

We were informed that the group of families living on the cove wanted to consult with us to ensure the name they chose would complete their intent of honoring our ancestors.

I am aware that a proposal was put forth by others that would glorify a colonial myth of our people. I have enclosed the letter of our Tribal Historian that opposed that proposal [BGN staff received this letter from Brian Chenevert in June 2024]. After having time to review this matter and the proposal of Abenaki Cove put forth by the families who live there, we support Abenaki Cove as being a name that honors our people. We prefer to see our ancestors honored in a straight forward way and not to engage in controversy that comes up with stories written by colonials that we have no memory of.

The proponents of Abenaki Cove oppose the choice of Senskwa Cove “based on strong concerns raised by the Native American leaders and historians with whom we have consulted over the past two years.” They state that “‘senskwa’ is a newly devised word based on the Abenaki roots for ‘rock’ and ‘woman’” that:

. . . alludes to a romantic legend that surfaced in the 19th century involving an Indian maiden whose lover was killed by an old chief to whom she was promised in marriage, whereupon she was turned into a rock by the Great Spirit in answer to her prayer that her plight be made an example to other women. . . .



The authorities we have interviewed do not believe this legend is authentic. Mr. Chenevert, the tribal historian of the Nulhegan Band of Abenaki people, calls it “a fantastical colonial myth” similar to “many other . . . love stories found throughout New England (which) likely began in the 1800s and was created by colonial viewpoints.” Abenaki linguist Jesse Bruchac casts doubt on the accuracy of the proposed word in the context of Algonquian languages. “For this reason alone and many other colonialized ideas the name perpetuates,” Bruchac writes, “I firmly recommend not using the recently created name.” Even one of the proponents of “senskwā” last year testified before the Sandwich Conservation Commission that the legend is “a silly story, but harmless.” That seems to us a dubious origin for a name that everyone hopes will be a perpetual memorial to the Abenaki people.

The Abenaki Cove proponents reported that “[w]e have consulted with the ‘senskwā’ proponents. By autumn 2023 it became apparent that the two groups had an irreconcilable difference of opinion about a proposed new name for Eastman Cove.” In correspondence with DNC staff, one of the Abenaki Cove proponents pointed out that some of the letters of support submitted with the Senskwā Cove proposal did not explicitly endorse that name, but rather endorsed the efforts to change the name of Eastman Cove to a name that honors the Abenaki people, the Abenaki language, and “to the extent possible retains a connection to the long-lived legend of Sq\_\_\_ Cove.” These include the Squam Lakes Association, the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, and the Webster Land Corporation.

In June 2024, the historian of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation reaffirmed the request that “legally recognized Abenaki Tribes that represent the original indigenous people of New Hampshire [be consulted].”

New Hampshire State Representative Sherry L. Gould also stated:

I have reviewed the colonial myth that Senskwā Cove alludes to. That proposed name is simply an Abenaki word that is a translation of the name Squaw Rock. There is not a known word for this in our language, though sen is certainly our word for rock, and as you I likely know, skwa is a suffix in our language representing a feminine form of any word. However ‘stone woman’ is not a concept our culture is familiar enough with as to have a specific word to mark it. . . . I don't find the story credible.

To my knowledge there has been no consultation with the four state recognized Abenaki Tribes in this matter. I am aware that one group of Abenaki [the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People] initiated this change request and the Chair of the NH Commission on Native American Affairs has written a letter in support of the petition for change. However they did not consult any of the four state recognized tribes or the NH Intertribal Council to inquire how members of recognized tribes from around the country who are living in New Hampshire might feel about the cove name reverting to the Abenaki translation of “Sq\_\_\_ Rock” Cove. . . .

[T]he Select Board in Sandwich, NH, chose to not take a position in support of the name change after hearing presentations from proponents and opponents—including the group I have worked with on changing the name of the road and the cove. I believe the town's decision to not step into this matter, which is causing division within the community was a wise choice.

I am asking that the US Board on Geographic Names not approve the “senskwa” petition at this time to allow for proper consultation with the state-recognized Abenaki Tribes and also with the NH Intertribal group that represents Native Americans from other recognized tribes who are resident in New Hampshire. I also believe it is prudent to give the town people in Sandwich an opportunity to see if they can come to some agreement on what name would work for them all, rather than deepen any conflict this proposal has created.

For details regarding the Senskwa Cove proposal, please refer to BGN Review List 454.

The Sandwich Town Selectmen discussed the Senskwa Cove proposal in November 2023 and April 2024, but did not take a position and prefers to let the BGN review process go forward. The Carroll County Board of Commissioners did not respond to requests for a recommendation.

### Stakeholder Input

Local government	Town of Sandwich Selectmen Carroll County Board of Commissioners	No opinion
State Names Authority	New Hampshire Board on Geographic Names	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	
Other	New Hampshire State Representative Sherry L. Gould	Support
	Sandwich Historical Society Director	Support
	Hoag Island Preservation Trust	Support
	Trustee / Coolidge Farm Preservation Trust Trustee / The Upper Asquam Roads Association Director	
	Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe (Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation)	Support
	Franklin Pierce University Professor of Anthropology	Support
	Middlebury College Abenaki Language School Director	Support
	Lakes Region Conservation Trust	No opinion
	Squam Lakes Association	No opinion
	Squam Lakes Conservation Society	No opinion

# A proposal to Change the Name Eastman Cove To Abenaki Cove

## Overall proposal information

Proposed name	<b>Abenaki Cove</b>
Aim of proposed change.	To honor the aboriginal inhabitants of the region
Current official name	Eastman Cove
GNIS ID	872724
Proponents	Richard Knox for the McBee/Knox family Will Speers for the Speers family
Date proposed	9/10/24
BGN case number	TBD
Quarterly review list	TBD

## Feature Details

Primary coordinates	43.7839616, -71.5122972
Feature class	Bay
Feature size	Approx 130 acres
Feature location	Within Squam Lake, south of Squam Mtn range
History of proposed name.	“Abenaki” is the umbrella name for Native American tribes who, nearly 13,000 years ago, settled an area that includes parts of Vermont, Massachusetts, New York and southern Quebec. The name means “people of the dawn” because their homeland occupies the part of North America first touched by the rays of the rising sun.
USGS primary topo map	Squam Mountains 1:24,000
State:	New Hampshire
County:	Carroll
Local jurisdiction:	Town of Sandwich
Land ownership:	Private and local conservation organizations

## BGN decisions

Current name	Eastman Cove, per Order 3404 of the Interior Department Secretary, January 12, 2023
Prior published name	Sq___ Cove (USGS 1928, 1928, 1931, 1980, 1986, 1995); Laws of the State of New Hampshire 1901; History of Carroll County, 1889; Squam Lakes Association, 2000; Oliverian Canal Route Map, 1830; numerous other references and sources.

## Case summary

The proponents are two families who have had a presence on the Cove for a combined total of 176 years. They intend to pass their cherished properties on to the next generation.

Two years ago, along with six other households who share a road system abutting the Cove, we became aware of Secy. Haaland's process to rename approximately 660 US place names containing the word "Sq\_\_\_," due to its perjorative connotations among many Native Americans. At the time it was thought the change from Sq\_\_\_ Cove to Eastman Cove was a permanent *fait accompli*. The group's original intention was simply to change the name of a private dirt road in the neighborhood from Sq\_\_\_ Cove Road to one that would memorialize and honor the aboriginal inhabitants who populated the region not long after Pleistocene Era glaciers retreated nearly 130 centuries ago. The group unanimously voted to authorize Richard Knox to research possible names for the road to accomplish this objective. After consultation with Abenaki community leaders, historians, archeologists, and conservationists, it appeared the consensus option would be Abenaki Road.

At this point, area residents became aware of a formal process to ask the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to consider another name change for the Cove – a far more consequential project. By this time, wide local support for such a change had developed. "Eastman Cove" carries no historic resonance or distinction; it's derived from a 19<sup>th</sup>-century family of European descent whose land was traversed by a brook that flows into the Cove. There was widespread sentiment among local residents that they had had insufficient notice or knowledge of the DoI process to express preference for a locally meaningful name. A clear consensus has emerged that whatever new name might be chosen, it should memorialize the area's ancient inhabitants, consistent with current-day appreciation for this deep and much-neglected history.

We believe "Abenaki Cove" fulfills this objective with a name that carries widely recognized meaning, requires no explanation, and is readily pronounceable. After extensive consultation, we found strong support from Abenaki leaders and a wide variety of other authorities and stakeholders.

Here is a sampling:

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- “We are thankful to the families who are wanting to preserve our tribal ties to this place...Squam Lake is a special place that keeps connecting us with the residents who live there today. We appreciate the work these partners are doing to preserve our history and honor our people past and present. We hope you will approve their proposal to rename Eastman Cove to Abenaki Cove for these reasons.” --- **Don Stevens, Chief of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation**
- “It is with great pleasure I write in support of the proposal to change the name of Eastman’s (sic) Cove to Abenaki Cove....The residents on the cove reached out to me and together we engaged other tribes in the conversation about what the name of the cove should be....” – **Rep. Sherry Gould of the NH House of Representatives, Special Projects Genealogist, Department of Cultural and Historic Preservation, Nulhegan Band of Coosuk Abenaki**
- “I am writing in support of the name change of Eastman Cove on Squam Lake to Abenaki Cove. I am aware that a group of residents who currently live on the cove have been in consultation with the recognized tribes to develop a proposal for this change. This name is specific enough for the general public to know what it is, and general enough to encompass all the bands of Abenaki who live in the area today.” --- **Jesse Bowman Bruchac, Director of the Middlebury College Abenaki Language School, leader of the Vermont Abenaki Place Names Project**
- “Since the 1960s, the Abenaki have become increasingly visible through political activism, community organization, and through a revitalization of their traditional language and art forms. As such, the proposed name change would honor the original population with a term that is widely recognized and accepted by indigenous and non-indigenous communities and in the academic field of history and anthropology. It also has the advantage of being broad, inclusive and all-encompassing, avoiding possible disagreements that might arise if the name were one tied to a particular Abenaki community past or present.” --- **Robert G. Goodby, Professor of Anthropology, Franklin Pierce University, author of *A Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Native American History* (2021)**
- “There is...consensus that any new name should honor the people who inhabited this area for untold generations before the arrival of European settlers. After consultation with Squam neighbors who propose ‘Abenaki Cove,’ we agree that this choice would best meet these objectives and receive wide acceptance among current-day Abenaki people and non-indigenous residents and visitors. Its meaning and significance would be well-understood.” **John H. Coolidge, Trustee, Hoag Island Preservation Trust & Coolidge Farm Preservation Trust; Director, The Upper Asquam Roads Association. [jcoolidge@att.net](mailto:jcoolidge@att.net) 35 Hicks Hill Road, Ashland, NH 043217. C: 603-968-9292**
- “Eastman Brook...is named after the Eastman family who have no great historical importance to the Town (of Sandwich) or the area....I would support renaming the cove ‘Abenaki Cove’ to celebrate and recognize the native peoples....It would be a respectful and honorable way to remember these original people.” --- **James Mykland, Director of the Sandwich Historical Society**

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A complete list of supporters is attached, and we attach complete texts of letters from supporters. They include representatives of the area's three leading conservation groups – the Squam Lakes Association, the Squam Lake Conservation Society and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. While these organizations circumspectly do not endorse a particular name, they all strongly express the desire to rename the Cove with an alternative that honors and is approved by the Abenaki people. Similarly, the Sandwich Conservation Commission last year endorsed a name change that honors the Abenaki without endorsing a particular name.

The Town of Sandwich Select Board considered the two proposed names and, on April 22, 2024, heard presentations from both proponents. The Select Board elected not to take a position. According to minutes of that meeting, Select Board chair Joanne Haight said she “believes the magnitude of the issue is outside of the scope of the Select Board.”

The Carroll County Commission has not responded to our inquiries about a proposed name change. It is our belief that the Commission has elected, whether affirmatively or by inaction, not to take a position.

To our knowledge, the name “Abenaki Cove” is not in current local (or New Hampshire) use.

Any proposed name change of this import must stand on its own merits, and we submit this proposal in a spirit of positivity and sincere good will. At the same time, we feel it's important to address our objections to the other proposal before the BGN. These objections are based on strong concerns raised by the Native American leaders and historians with whom we have consulted over the past two years.

As the BGN knows, “senskwa” is a newly devised word based on the Abenaki roots for “rock” and “woman.” It alludes to a romantic legend that surfaced in the 19<sup>th</sup> century involving an Indian maiden whose lover was killed by an old chief to whom she was promised in marriage, whereupon she was turned into a rock by the Great Spirit in answer to her prayer that her plight be made an example to other women.

The authorities we have interviewed do not believe this legend is authentic. Mr. Chenevert, the tribal historian of the Nulhegan Band of Abenaki people, calls it “a fantastical colonial myth” similar to “many other...love stories found throughout New England (which) likely began in the 1800s and was created by colonial viewpoints.” Abenaki linguist Jesse Bruchac casts doubt on the accuracy of the proposed word in the context of Algonquian languages. “For this reason alone and many other colonialized ideas the name perpetuates,” Bruchac writes, “I firmly recommend not using the recently created name.” Even one of the proponents of “senskwa” last year testified before the Sandwich Conservation

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Commission that the legend is “a silly story, but harmless.” That seems to us a dubious origin for a name that everyone hopes will be a perpetual memorial to the Abenaki people.

We have consulted with the “senskwa” proponents. By autumn 2023 it became apparent that the two groups had an irreconcilable difference of opinion about a proposed new name for Eastman Cove. We note that “senskwa” proponents have submitted a letter of support from the chair of the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs dated January 2, 2024, claiming that the “senskwa” proposal has the Commission’s unanimous support; however, we can find no reference in the Commission’s minutes to such a vote.

Whatever the outcome of the Board on Geographic Names process, we greatly appreciate the work and care the BGN and its staff are devoting to these proposals. It is our honor to participate in this project.

On behalf of our families and supporters, sincerely,

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## Letters of support for "Abenaki Cove"

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156 Bacon Drive, Shelburne, VT 05482
- **Professor Jesse Bowman Bruchac**, Founding Director, School of Abenaki, Middlebury College; Abenaki citizen, traditional storyteller, musician and Abenaki language instructor; co-director Ndakinna education center; consultant on Native American culture and language for National Geographic, PBS, NBC, BBC; co-teacher of Wabanaki Language at the University of Southern Maine.  
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- **Robert G. Goodby** Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology, Franklin Pierce University, 40 University Drive, Rindge, NH 03461; 603-899-4362.  
[goodbyr@franklinpierce.edu](mailto:goodbyr@franklinpierce.edu); author, *A Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Native American History*, Peter E. Randall, Publisher, Portsmouth, NH 2021. ISBN: 978-1-942155-40-9
- **Representative Sherry L. Gould**, New Hampshire House of Representatives, 3210 State Route 114, Bradford, NH 03221. 603-938-2613. Special Projects Geneologist, Nulhegan Band of Coosuk Abenaki, Department of Cultural and Historic Preservation
- **Brian Chenevert**, Tribal Historian; Director, Historic Preservation Department, Nulhegan Band of Coosuk Abenaki Nation. [Bchenevert25@gmail.com](mailto:Bchenevert25@gmail.com)  
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[jcoolidge@att.net](mailto:jcoolidge@att.net) 35 Hicks Hill Road, Ashland, NH 03217
- **James Mykland**, Director, Sandwich Historical Society. P.O. Box 244, 4 Maple Street, Sandwich, NH 03227-0244, 603-284-6269, C: 603-387-7104



**Letters of support for a name change honoring Abenaki people**

- **Donald S. Berry**, President, Lakes Region Conservation Trust, on behalf of the LRCT Board of Trustees. 16 Dane Road, Center Harbor, NH 03226, 603-253-3301. [lrct@lrct.org](mailto:lrct@lrct.org) [www.lrct.org](http://www.lrct.org)
- **Roger B. Laroche**, Executive Director, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, on behalf of the SLCS Board of Directors, P.O. Box 696, Holderness, NH 03245, 603-968-7900 [www.foreversquam.org](http://www.foreversquam.org)
- **E.B. James**, Executive Director, Squam Lakes Association, on behalf of the SLA Board of Directors. 534 US Route 3, Holderness, NH 03245. [Info@squamlakes.org](mailto:Info@squamlakes.org) 603-968-7336



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To: The US Board on Geographic Names  
Re: Change of Eastman Cove to Abenaki Cove, Squam Lake

I am writing you as Chief of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, recognized by the State of Vermont, with many traditional homeland and citizens in New Hampshire. I have been involved in discussions with our tribal member, NH State Rep. She Gould about the wishes of a group of families in Sandwich, NH to make changes to a cove name that was recently changed from Squaw Cove to Eastmans Cove. We were informed that the group of families living on the cove wanted to consult with us to ensure the name they chose would complete their intent of honoring our ancestor.

I am aware that a proposal was put forth by others that would glorify a colonial myth of our people. I have enclosed the letter of our Tribal Historian that opposed that proposal. After having time to review this matter and the proposal of Abenaki Cove put forth by the families who live there, we support Abenaki Cove as being a name that honors our people. We prefer to see our ancestors honored in a straightforward way and not to engage in controversy that comes up with stories written by colonials that we have no memory of.

We are thankful to the families who are wanting to preserve our tribal ties to this place. The Nulhegan Band has been involved with people on Squam Lake regarding the return of a dug out canoe found in Squam Lake and held at Shelburne Museum in Vermont. That was returned to the Holderness Historical Society with our full support. We have also worked with the folks in Holderness on events demonstrating how dug out canoes were made, along with our other arts and crafts at a Holderness Reunion Event held a few years ago.

Squam Lake is a special place that keeps connecting us with the residents who live there today. We appreciate the work these partners are doing to preserve our history and honor our people past and present. We hope you will approve their proposal to rename Eastman Cove to Abenaki Cove for these reasons.

Sincerely,

Chief Don Stevens  
Chief - Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe

The Nulhegan Band of Coosuk -Abenaki Nation is a state recognized Tribe per VT House Bill 85  
and per Statute Title. 1. Chapter 23. V.S.A. § 854



July 26, 2024

To: Board on Geographic Names, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

The SLA endorses efforts to rename Eastman Cove with an appropriate name that recognizes the link to the culture, history and traditions of the Abenaki people who inhabited this area for many centuries prior to the arrival of European settlers. We support a name chosen in consultation with residents, experts in Native American history, and, most importantly, representatives of the Abenaki people.

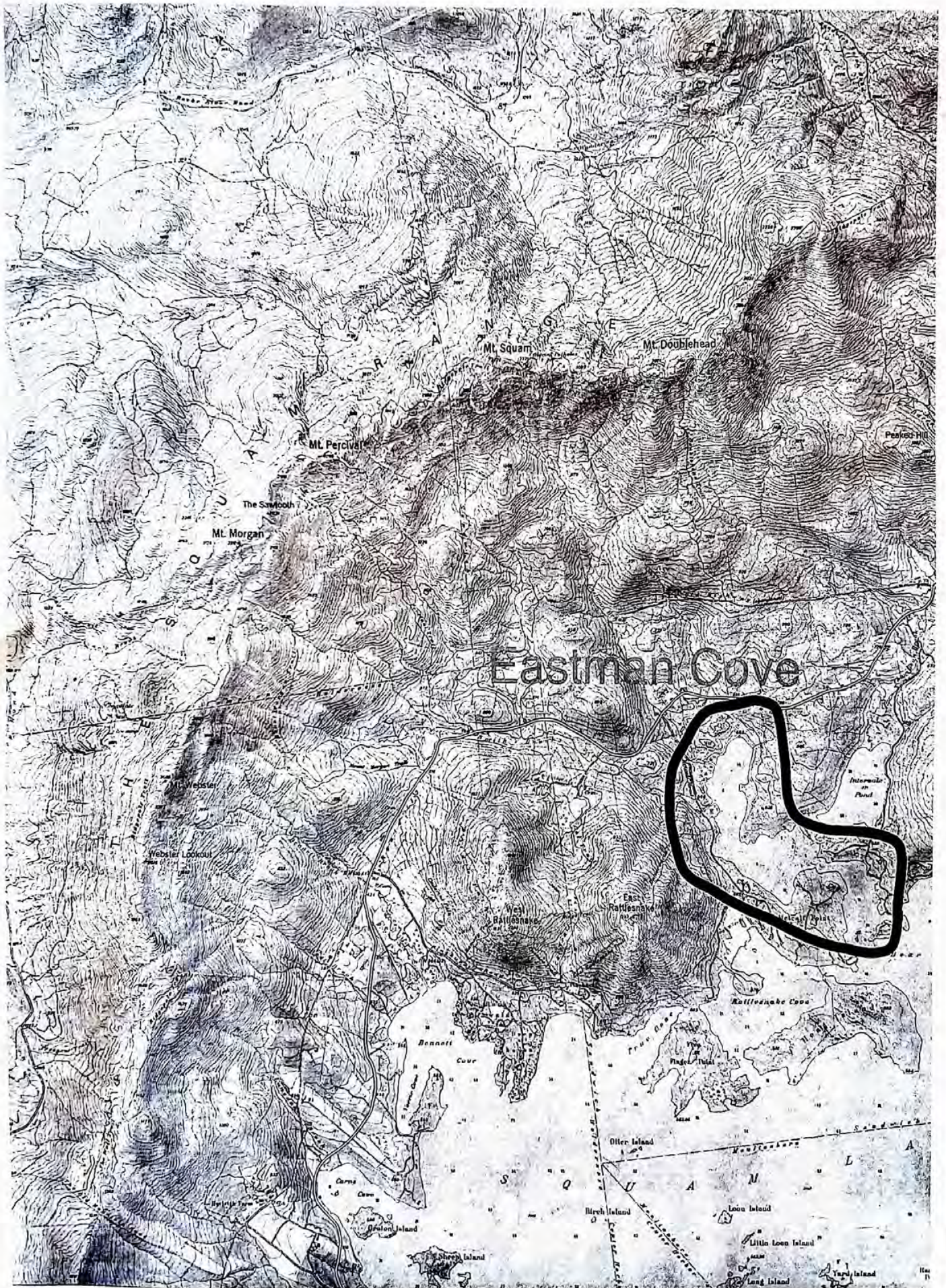
The Squam Lakes Association is a non-profit watershed conservation organization. Our mission is to conserve for public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and resources of the watershed. In collaboration with local and state partners the SLA promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region.

We would be happy to answer any questions about our support of the renaming of Eastman cove or about the SLA in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.B. James".

Edwin James, Executive Director





## NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION on NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

January 2, 2024

To: U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523  
Reston, VA 20192

Re: Letter of Support  
Geo. Name Change from Eastman's Cove to Nokemesek Cove

The NH Commission on Native American Affairs has reviewed and unanimously voted to support the application made by the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People to formally change the name of Eastman's Cove (Feature ID 000000) on Squam Lake in Sandwich, New Hampshire to "Senskwa" which translates to "Stone Woman" or "Rock Woman".

Until 2021 this cove was known by the name of "Squaw Cove". In November 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland formally identified "squaw" as a derogatory term and – as you know - ordered a task force to find replacement names for over 600 valleys, lakes, creeks and other sites on federal lands that use the word. In response to this "Squaw Cove" on Squam Lake was renamed "Eastman's Cove". However misguided, at the time it was originally named "Squaw Cove", the name was intended as an homage to the Indigenous heritage of New Hampshire. While eradicating the pejorative name for the cove, the original intent was subverted when the cove was renamed "Eastman's Cove". "Senskwa" is a much more appropriate name for this cove as it is an Abenaki word that means "Rock Woman". This term relates to local folklore related to the Cove. Additionally, in Abenaki oral tradition, the story about how human beings were made by the Kchi Niwaskw (the Great Spirit/Creator) tells how the first human beings were made from the large granite stone that is abundant in the Northeast, but they were too hard and uncaring about the land so they had to be replaced by people drawn out of the ash trees, who were much more graceful and gentle on Mother Earth than the rock people had been. The name "Senskwa" better reflects Abenaki culture and the 12,800 year presence of the Abenaki and their ancestors in what is now called the State of New Hampshire.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Cordially,

Anne Jennison, Chair  
NH Commission on Native American Affairs

The NH Commission on Native American Affairs (NHCNAA) was founded in 2010 to recognize the historic and cultural contributions of Native Americans throughout the state, to strengthen and promote NH Native peoples' heritage and to represent Native American interests through state policy and programming. The Commission is composed of 15 members including 4 state appointed positions and 11 members appointed by the Governor from the Native American communities throughout the state. The NHCNAA is mandated by New Hampshire [RSA 12-A:14-a](#)

### **Land Acknowledgment**

*New Hampshire is located in N'dakinna (meaning "our land"), the traditional homelands of the Penacook-Abenaki, Wabanaki, and other Indigenous Peoples who have graciously and diligently stewarded these Northeastern lands and waterways for twelve thousand years.*



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May 1, 2024

To: The US Board on Geographic Names,

Greetings, my name is Brian Chenevert and I am the Tribal Historian and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe. I am writing at this time regarding the potential name change of Eastman Cove on Squam Lake to Senskwa Cove. Although I am aware of the backstory and reasoning of the prior name change from Squaw Cove to Eastman cove, unfortunately I was just made aware of this current potential change on short notice and have not been able to fully research the background and history.

However, I can state with authority that the story being told as reasoning to change the name from Eastman Cove to Senskwa Cove is a fantastical colonial myth. This myth, along with many other "squaw" love stories found throughout New England likely began in the 1800's and was created by colonial viewpoints.

At this time, I ask that the US Board on Geographic Names to not approve the "Senskwa" petition and to consult with the legally recognized Abenaki Tribes that represent the original indigenous people of New Hampshire..

Sincerely,

Brian Chenevert  
Tribal Historian, Director  
Historic Preservation Dept

The Nulhegan Band of Coosuk – Abenaki Nation is a state recognized Tribe per VT House Bill 85  
and per Statute Title. 1. Chapter 23. V.S.A. § 854



# State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

To: The US Board on Geographic Names  
From: NH State Representative Sherry Gould, Merrimack District 8  
Date: April 29, 2024  
Re: Proposed Name Change of Eastman Cove in Sandwich, NH (BGN case # 6154)

To whom it may concern,

I was recently apprised that the Board would be meeting soon to consider a proposal to change the name of Eastman Cove on Squaw Lake to Senskwa Cove. I am aware of the back-story of the cove's renaming by the Department of the Interior as Eastman Cove. In 2022 I was consulted by a group of residents of Squaw Cove Road who wanted to change the name of their road to honor the Abenaki while removing the word which offends some people and has been expunged from U.S. place names for that reason. I have been in touch with that group of residents over the past two years. I became aware there has been a move to change the name of the cove, but didn't understand the speed at which this issue was moving until recently.

I have reviewed the colonial myth that Senskwa Cove alludes to. That proposed name is simply an Abenaki word that is a translation of the name Squaw Rock. There is not a known word for this in our language, though sen is certainly our word for rock, and as you likely know, skwa is a suffix in our language representing a feminine form of any word. However "stone woman" is not a concept our culture is familiar enough with as to have a specific word to mark it.

A 2016 Facebook post by the Moultonborough (NH) Historical Society lays out the myth of an Abenaki woman being turned to stone, along with a picture of the stone, known by the name "Squaw Rock." I include images of that posting with a link to the original post at the end of this letter. I don't find the story credible.

To my knowledge there has been no consultation with the four state recognized Abenaki Tribes in this matter. I am aware that one group of Abenaki initiated this change request and the Chair of the NH Commission on Native American Affairs has written a letter in support of the petition for change. However they did not consult any of the four state recognized tribes, or the NH Intertribal Council, to inquire how members of recognized tribes from around the country who are living in New Hampshire might feel about the cove name reverting to the Abenaki translation of "Squaw Rock" Cove.

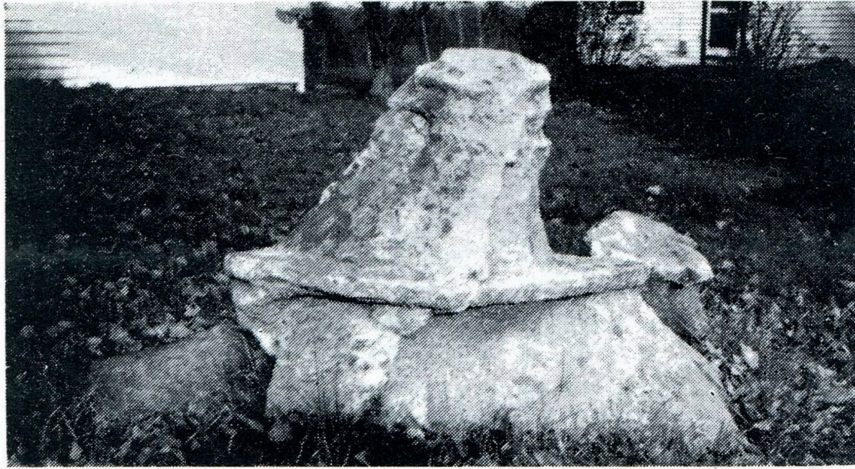
I just became informed that the Select Board in Sandwich, NH, chose to not take a position in support of the name change after hearing presentations from proponents and opponents – including the group I have worked with on changing the name of the road and the cove. I believe the town's decision to not step into this matter, which is causing division within the community, was a wise choice.

I am asking that the US Board on Geographic Names not approve the "Senskwa" petition at this time to allow for proper consultation with the state-recognized Abenaki Tribes and also with the NH Intertribal group that represents Native Americans from other recognized tribes who are resident in New Hampshire. I also believe it is prudent to give the townspeople in Sandwich an opportunity to see if they can come to some agreement on what name would work for them all, rather than deepen any conflict this proposal has created.

Thank you for your consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,  
Representative Sherry L. Gould  
Merrimack District 8, Warner, Bradford, Henniker

Exhibit of the Moultonborough, NH Historical Society Facebook post from 2016 found [here](#).



—Doris Wherland

*Squaw Rock, now in East Holderness, formerly was on the shore at Squaw Cove on Squam Lake. Legend claims that an Indian maiden was turned into stone during a thunderstorm when she prayed to the Great Spirit for death after her lover was slain.*

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**Marty Stone**

This rock has "adorned" this property as you put it since the 1930's. This property was owned by my great grandparents at the time, and let me make it very clear that they did NOT remove this rock from its original location. My grandmother had always stated that this rock had fallen off of a pickup truck as it was passing by, and the drivers never stopped or came back to retrieve it. My great grandfather took the rock from the side of the road and put it in its present location. It was not until some years later that they found out that the rock had a famous history attached to it.

4y Like Reply Edited



**Moultonborough Historical Society**

October 1, 2016 · 🌐

**A LEGEND OF BIG SQUAM LAKE**

From "Indians of New Hampshire" by Eva A Speare 1965

One of the many indentations of the shore of Big Squam Lake bears the name of Squaw Cove. The place was marked for many years by a granite boulder that resembled a crouching woman.

Many years ago an aged Indian chief possessed this shore and, wishing a young bride to keep his wigwam, he selected Suneta for whom he traded with her father. Suneta loved a young brave, Anonis, and communicated to him her danger, but her lover did not appear in time to prevent the wedding with the aged chief.

In accordance with Indian customs, the wedding was celebrated with much feasting which so wearied the old Indian that after the festivities were finished, he lay down for a needed rest and fell fast asleep.

Meanwhile over the lake a sudden storm arose.

Suneta sat alone in the wigwam, sad and disappointed. In the darkness of the storm she saw her lover entering and beckoning her to follow him to the lake. As the two were hurrying to escape, the chief awoke. Instantly, he drew his bow and killed Anonis.

When she saw her lover fall, Suneta ran to the shore and crouching in the storm, prayed to the Great Spirit to make an example of her plight for all women to see. After the storm had passed, on the shore was seen the figure of Suneta turned to granite and to this day this stone has been called Squaw Rock.

The rock has been removed from its original location by an owner of the shore who thought to adorn the lawn of his home with this peculiar boulder and today Squaw Rock stands near the Daniel Webster highway in East Holderness, but the thousands of people who travel the road never realize that they are passing the relic of a tragic tale of the days of the Indians.

ANYONE KNOW WHERE SQUAW ROCK IS TODAY? [See less](#)



VI. Other Business  
B. CORD Procedures Discussion

## CORD Procedures for Reviewing LCIP Requests from Property Owners

First determine whether CORD permission is needed in accordance with the easement or deed restriction. The property owner's attorney, the state agency managing the property, or DOJ staff assigned to CORD can assist with making this determination.

- Per the easement or deed: the activity may be permitted without notification or approval by CORD, permitted with only notification to CORD, or permitted with notification and approval.
- For activities not specified, CORD notification and approval should be obtained.
- For prohibited activities or unspecified activities with larger impacts, the property owner may request an amendment from CORD.

**Courtesy requests and informational items** – A property owner may notify CORD of activities as a courtesy and request that CORD determine whether a proposed activity is allowed in accordance with a deed restriction or easement. CORD is not required to vote on the item but may choose to do so; CORD may either concur or disagree.

**Legal Advice** – CORD members may request assistance from DOJ staff if clarification is needed in any case. State agencies managing CORD properties can also contact their assigned DOJ client counselor.

### Procedure for Requests:

1. Once the status and authority for a request or property are determined, the property owner should contact the CORD clerk and ask that an item be added to a future agenda.
2. The clerk and/or state agency managing the property should provide the criteria for review to the requester, and indicate what documents are needed.
3. The item may be put on a future agenda once the Chair is satisfied that the relevant information is provided. CORD may also forward the information to the municipality, the Conservation Land Stewardship Program ("CLSP"), or other parties that it determines may be interested.
4. CORD may consider the issue at the scheduled meeting. Please note, this is not a "hearing." No one is entitled to provide information or speak; however, CORD may allow the requestor to present and may allow other entities to respond.
5. For requested amendments, CORD will determine whether the proposal meets the criteria for approving an amendment. Even if the proposed amendment meets all the objective requirements, CORD may still use its discretion to deny the project if it feels it does not fulfill the objectives or intent of RSA 162-C.
6. If CORD approves a request for an amendment, it shall provide at least 30 calendar days advance notice to the local governing body and conservation commission. CORD should then submit the recommendation to exchange the property to the Governor.

## Criteria For Approving Amendments

CORD may authorize an amendment if the property owner demonstrates:

- The conservation value of the land will still be protected in perpetuity.
- The proposed amendment is consistent with agreements entered into with persons with ownership interests in the lands at issue.
- The proposed amendment will still preserve the natural beauty, landscape, rural character, natural resources, and high quality of life in New Hampshire.
- The proposed amendment will still maintain and protect benefits derived from such lands.
- The proposed amendment will maintain public access to the land at issue to the extent CORD deems appropriate.
- The proposed amendment is generally within the scope of actions permitted by RSA 162-C:6 through C:11.
- The proposed amendment does not deviate from the purposes and basic requirements of RSA 162-C:6 through C:11.
- To the extent that the property owner wants to exchange an interest in land, the property owner must demonstrate that:
  - Such an exchange is in the best interest of conservation and protection of the values outlined in RSA 162-C:6.
  - The conservation values of the property would be degraded if no action were taken.
  - The land being offered in exchange is contiguous to the original acquisition.
  - The lands being offered in exchange have equal or greater conservation value than the lands being conveyed from the LCIP program.
  - The land proposed to be conveyed from the LCIP program are only those necessary to compensate for the potential degradation identified in paragraph ii.

### **Please note:**

Unless authorized by the original deed or conservation easement, properties shall not be posted against hunting and fishing unless CORD deems it to be necessary to protect the interests of the state and the safety of its citizens, or upon recommendation of the fish and game commission or the division of forests and lands.

Land acquired using the trust fund established pursuant to former RSA 221-A shall be held in public trust and used for the purposes of RSA 162-C:6 through C:11. The sale, transfer, conveyance, or release of any such land or interest in land from public trust is prohibited.

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- C. 2025 CORD Meeting Schedule and Applications Deadlines

# 2025 CORD APPLICATION & INFORMATION DEADLINES

The following deadlines are for submissions of Surplus Land Request (SLR) applications as well as any administrative information for CORD to review.

All SLR applications are to be submitted with:

- **One complete email application with signatures and**
- **One hard copy application, with original signatures to:**

NH Office of Planning & Development  
100 North Main St, Suite #100  
Concord, NH 03301

Attn: Brandan McDowell, Principal Planner [brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov](mailto:brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov)

All administrative information is to be submitted via email to:  
Brandan McDowell, Principal Planner [brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov](mailto:brendan.m.mcdowell@livefree.nh.gov)

Meeting Date	SLR Application Submission Deadlines	Administrative Information Deadlines
January 9, 2025	December 13, 2024	December 31, 2024
March 6, 2025	January 31, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 8, 2025	April 4, 2025	April 29, 2025
August 7, 2025	July 3, 2025	July 29, 2025
October 9, 2025	September 5, 2025	September 30, 2025
December 11, 2025	November 7, 2025	December 2, 2025

If you have any questions regarding submission requirements, please feel free to reach out to Brendan McDowell for assistance.

**\*Any SLR applications and/ or administrative information submitted after the deadlines will be taken up at the next scheduled CORD meeting.\***