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Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee
Office of Legislative Budget Assistant
107 North Main Street
State House, Room 102
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Surplus Land Review, SLR 19-006 (Hampton)

Dear Chair Cloutier and Members of the Committee:

On September 12, 2019, the Council on Resources and Development (“CORD”) voted to recommend approval, with conditions, of the above-referenced application for Surplus Land Review. Thereafter, a Final Action Memorandum dated September 19, 2019 was issued with a copy sent to this Committee (“Long Range”).

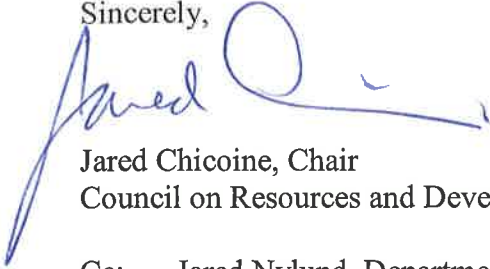
By letter dated October 21, 2019, the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (“RMAC”) requested that CORD reconsider its recommendation of SLR 19-006.

In response to such letter, at its January 9, 2020 meeting, CORD voted to send Long Range this letter, containing the following language:

Pursuant to RSA 483:8, VII, CORD can only recommend land for disposal upon recommendation of RMAC. On September 12, 2019, CORD recommended disposal of land identified in 2019 SLR 006. This recommendation explicitly included conditions developed by CORD. CORD hereby clarifies that, consistent with RSA 483:8, VII, its recommendation includes by reference the contents of the letter from RMAC to CORD dated August 2, 2019.

A copy of RMAC's letter to CORD dated August 2, 2019 is attached hereto for reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Chicoine", with a large, stylized "O" at the end.

Jared Chicoine, Chair
Council on Resources and Development

Cc: Jared Nylund, Department of Administrative Services
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August 2, 2019

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NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
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Concord, NH 03301

RE: CORD Surplus Land Application - 2019 SLR 006 (Hampton)

Dear Mr. Klass:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the New Hampshire Liquor Commission's proposed sale of approximately 87 acres, minus the area required for the footprints of new liquor store buildings, associated with the Interstate 95 northbound and southbound state liquor and wine outlet stores in Hampton, New Hampshire. According to the information provided in the Request for Surplus Land Review Action, land would be sold for development of additional traveler services, including fueling, with the redeveloped liquor stores remaining in state ownership. Of the lots proposed for sale, the parcel on the southbound (west) side of I-95 and two of the three parcels on the northbound (east) side of I-95 lie immediately adjacent to the Taylor River and therefore within the RMAC's area of interest for disposals of state owned land.

On August 2, 2019, the RMAC met to consider 2019 SLR 006 in Hampton, with representatives of the Liquor Commission and its consultants, New Hampshire Administrative Services, and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) senior leadership attending the meeting. After extensive discussion regarding the potential impact of development at these sites on the adjacent river, pond, prime wetlands, and other wetlands, as well as concerns about future sea level rise, salt marsh migration, and groundwater rise, the following two motions were made:

Larry Spencer moved that the RMAC recommend the sale of the property (lots 171-001-000, 172-009-000, 199-002-000, and 199-001-000) with a conservation easement placed on the wetlands. The motion was seconded by Ruth Ward. The RMAC voted 5-2 in favor of the disposal, with no abstentions.

Larry Spencer moved that the RMAC request participation in the development of the Request for Proposals of the sale and development of the subject property. The motion was seconded by Ruth Ward. The RMAC voted 6-0 in favor of this condition on the disposal, with no abstentions.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with NHDES to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests. Among its other responsibilities, the RMAC is charged with reviewing proposed disposals of state-owned land near, or providing access to, rivers and with advising the NHDES Commissioner and the Council on Resources and Development on the merits of such disposals.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Tremblay
Chair

cc: RMAC Representatives
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES
Tom O'Donovan, Director, Water Division, NHDES
Timothy Drew, Public Information Office, NHDES
Tracie Sales, Rivers and Lakes Programs Manager, NHDES