DRAFT 100526

CLHCC Meeting Notes
October 2, 2026, 10:30am
Pittsburg Fire Station

In Attendance

NAME	*REPRESENTING*
Gail Hanson, Chair	Governor and Executive Council
Darrin Jock	Town of Pittsburg
Pierre Bedard	Leaseholders Association
Ray Gorman	Coos County Commissioners
Charlie Levesque	Senate/Forest Ecology
John Sojka	NH Fish and Game Department, designee
Adam Crepeau	DNCR, Commissioner
Corey Clark	DES, designee
Annie Hussa	Landowner, Manulife Forest Management
Toby Owen	Town of Pittsburg
Gene Chandler	House/Forestry & Timber Harvesting
Keith Robinson	Governor and Executive Council
Dwayne Covell	Town of Stewartstown
John White	Town of Clarksville
Eric Stohl	House/Monitor Conservation Easements

Absent

NAME	*REPRESENTING*
Corrine Rober	Senate/Recreation & Tourism

Chair Gail Hanson opened the meeting at 10:30am and asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

Appointment/Reappointments
Both Gail Hanson and Keith Robinson are up for reappointment. Adam Crepeau explained that the Governor's Office is concentrating on filling vacant positions and both Gail and Keith can continue to serve in a hold-over capacity.

Acceptance of Minutes
May 22, 2026

- Correct Peter Bedard to Pierre Bedard.
- P.3 no motion recorded. Charlie Levesque voted against the motion.
- Pierre Bedard motioned to approve Eric Stohl, all in favor with corrections.

September 9, 2026

- Charlie Levesque motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Adam Crepeau. All in favor.

New/Old Business

Manulife Forest Management

Matt Bonham and Annie Hussa introduced themselves and gave a high-level overview of their company and goals.

North Country Gravel Bike Guide Project

The Northern Forest Center (NFC) in cooperation with local advisory group submitted a grant proposal which was funded by the USDA Rural Business Development to produce a guidebook for gravel bike routes in Colebrook, Stewartstown, Pittsburg and Canaan, VT.

The DNCR team has met with the NFC to discuss bicycle use on the headwater's property. Bicycle use is permitted on the designated road network and is an acceptable use on the property. DNCR has requested the CLHCC Recreation Sub-Committee participate in identifying routes on the headwater's property.

Some issues discussed at the meeting and will be a focus for the sub-committee include; user ethics, signage, routes, alternative routes, winter use/routes, and facilities/services on the property.

CLHCC Sub-Committee Assignments

Gail Hanson requested self-nomination for our standing sub-committees; recreation and roads.

Recreation: Eric Stohl nominated Charlie Levesque as chair, Toby Owen seconded the motion, all in favor.

- Members include: Charlie Levesque, Darrin Jock, Keith Robinson, Eric Stohl, Annie Hussa, Dwayne Covell, Toby Owen, John White, Corrine Rober, and Ray Gorham.

Roads: Dwayne Covell nominated Gene Chandler as chair, Ray Gorham seconded the motion, all in favor.

- Members include: Gene Chandler, Charlie Levesque, Darrin Jock, Keith Robinson, Eric Stohl, Annie Hussa, Dwayne Covell, Toby Owen, John White, Corrine Rober, and Corey Clark.

State Agency Update

There were no questions on the update. Charlie Levesque thanked the agencies for providing well-written information in advance.

Other Business

Stewardship Plan

Eric Stohl commented that he shared with Alexa Kosalek his concern about the vision/mission statement in the plan. He observed it is heavy on carbon and light on cutting. Charlie Levesque asked if DFL/Manulife would entertain an amendment to the plan to reflect the new owner's vision/mission or other revisions as needed.

- Patrick Hackley replied that it is possible to amend the plan, however, he recommends letting the owners start with this plan and amend as needed in the future.
- Adam Crepeau observed that the Resolution Term Sheet is baked into the Stewardship Plan. Patrick Hackley clarified that the stewardship plan only covers the harvest volume, the other things are an agreement between the landowner and the Governor's office (payments to the communities, coordination with Boarder Patrol, etc.)
- It is recommended to keep the Stewardship Plan as a standing agenda item in New & Old Business.

FEMA

Dwayne Covell asked for a status update on the FEMA funds. Johanna Lyons replied that they are still auditing the accounts. Adam Crepeau said he'd get an update.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Gail Hanson read a statement on behalf of the committee recognizing Johanna Lyons and her service prior to her upcoming retirement at the end of the year.

> "The Headwater Committee would like to thank you for your many years of dedicated leadership. Your guidance, support and exceptional knowledge have been invaluable to our committee and have made a lasting impact. You have been the backbone of our group, and we are deeply grateful for all you have done. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you a very happy retirement."

Gail Hanson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric Stohl motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ray Gorham, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Johanna Lyons
DNCR