



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING **TUESDAY, February 8, 2022** **11:00 am**

Board Members Present

Sabina Haskell, Chair; Brad Aldrich, Vice Chair; Steve Larrabee, Member; Andrew Collier, Member

ABSENT

Don Turner, Member

Staff Present:

Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel; Aaron Brondyke, State Coordinator; Katie Emerson, Legal Technician

Members of the Public:

None

The Vermont Natural Resources Board convened at 11:02 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, Chair Sabina Haskell presiding.

I. 11:02 a.m. Opportunity for public to comment and agenda and non-agenda items.

Offered Public Opportunity – no public present

II. 11:03 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of January 11, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 11, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Brad Aldrich and seconded by Mr. Steve Larabee and approved unanimously.

III. 11:04 a.m. NRB office and budget updates

Legislative Update:

Chair Haskell provided a summary of bills that are currently being considered by the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees that would make changes to the structure of the Natural Resources Board and expand the Act 250 criteria and exemptions. Chair Haskell will continue to offer testimony on these bills, and is also working hard in the Legislature to advance a budget for the NRB



Staff Updates:

District 3 Coordinator Linda Matteson's last day is February 11. Her replacement, Pete Kopsco, will start on February 14. The Board is in final negotiations with a new Enforcement and Compliance Officer that we hope to bring on board in March. We continue to move forward in our efforts to hire a Business Director and General Counsel.

Launch of New Online Application and Database System

Mr. Aaron Brondyke gave a brief update on the launch of the new online application and database system, which launched on February 1st. While there have been a few hiccups, applicants are able to apply online, and staff are able to process those applications. Most of the problems relate to data transfer from our old databases. Our staff are working with the Agency of Digital Services to rectify those issues.

The Annual Report is due next week (Feb 15). We will send a copy to all Board members.

IV. 11:13 Enforcement Matters Update

Ms. Alison Stone gave an update on ongoing enforcement items. A series of longstanding violations regarding the Roblee Farm Inc. gravel pit in Pawlet were recently resolved by way of an Assurance of Discontinuance that was issued as an order by the Environmental Division of the Superior Court.

V. 11:15 p.m. Adjourn

At 11:15 AM, Mr. Brad Aldrich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Andrew Collier and unanimously approved by the Board.