



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Dewey Building
1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05620-3201

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, October 10th, 2017

10:00am

Location of Meeting:

NRB – Dewey Building 1 National Life Drive
Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3201

Present at Meeting:

Diane B. Snelling, Chair
Dominic Cloud, Member
Brad Aldrich, Member
Don Sargent, Member

Staff:

Donna Barlow Casey, Executive Director Gregory
Boulbol, General Counsel
Kimberley Lashua, Business Director
Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel
Aaron Brondyke, Enforcement Officer
Elexandra Arthers, Legal Technician

Absent from Meeting:

Martha (Marty) Illick, Member

The Natural Resources Board meeting was called to order at 10:02 am on October 10th, 2017 at NRB – Dewey Building- by Diane Snelling.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Meeting minutes of August 8th and September 12th were reviewed. Don Sargent noted an incorrect date on the top of page 2 of the September 12th Minutes Draft. Don Sargent made a motion to approve the minutes as revised, Brad Aldrich seconded the motion and recused himself from the September vote as he was not present. The minutes were approved by the board in a unanimous roll call vote.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No members of the public were in attendance.

III. NRB, Office, and Budget Updates

Budget-

We will have a level funded budget in FY 19, and we will get the final budget numbers in December. We have been asked to find a Management Savings of \$608 dollars in the FY18 budget and we are confident this can be achieved.



New Employee-

Rachel Lomonaco will be joining the team as the new NRB District Coordinator in the Essex office. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge, and has served as an alternate commissioner in District 4 for the past year.

IV. Legislative/Policy updates

Diane Snelling updated the Board on active legislative and policy matters as follows:

Act 47:

The Act 47 Commission has held its first meeting, elected a chair and vice chair, and will be meeting again on October 25th. At this meeting we will present the report- drafted by the working group, and other required materials.

MOUs:

The NRB Legal and Enforcement staff is currently in the process of updating MOU's with both VTrans and ANR. These memorandums will be brought to the Board for review when they are completed.

VAST:

The NRB and VAST settlement and have issued this decision in conjunction with VTrans and the Attorney General's office. This settlement maintains the substantive conditions of Act 250. Ultimately, this is a very positive collaboration.

Noise:

We are starting to look at sound and noise standards with the goal of drafting a new sound and noise policy. Les Blomberg will be giving a presentation at the upcoming All Staff meeting in regard to noise.

VI. Discussion: Current and Future role of the Board

The members of the Board engaged in a conversation regarding the current and future roles of the board. Alternate structures were discussed. Act 47 should help act as a conduit for this change.

VII. Executive Session- appeals, enforcement, and personnel

Dominic Cloud made a motion to find that premature disclosure of matters would compromise the Board. The motion was seconded by Brad Aldrich. Dominic Cloud made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Board's position in such matters. Brad Aldrich seconded the motion, and the motions were unanimously approved by the Board. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:20 am.

The Board came out of Executive session at 11:34 am. The Board took no further action.

VIII. Other Business- Adjourn

Dominic Cloud made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board unanimously approved the motion.