



Natural Resources Board Minutes – December 10, 2019

Attendance:

Board Members by Phone:

Marty Illick, Vice Chair; Don Turner, Member; Brad Aldrich, Member

Board Members in Person:

Diane Snelling, Chair

Staff in Person:

Kimberley Lashua, Business Director; Greg Boulbol, General Counsel; Pamela Morin, Technician

Staff by Phone:

Aaron Brondyke, State Coordinator

I. Meeting Convened:

11:03 A.M., Ms. Diane Snelling, NRB Chair, opened the meeting via phone conference, from 10 Baldwin, Montpelier, VT 05633-3201.

II. Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items:

The Chair invited public comments. No comments were made, there were no members of the public present.

III. Minutes of November 21, 2019:

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of November 21, 2019. None were offered.

Ms. Illick made a motion to approve, Mr. Aldrich seconded the motion. Chair Snelling called the roll, and the motion passed unanimously.





IV. NRB Office and Budget Update:

Ms. Lashua, Business Director presented budget and personnel updates.

Personnel Update:

- Rutland NRB Technician Position has been filled with Sabrina Urich; she will start in January.
- Recruitment for a new Enforcement and Compliance Officer will begin soon.
- New online application testing this next week.

Preliminary FY21 Budget:

- Budget distributed to the board by email.
- Final version of the budget will be ready right before Christmas.
- Board voted to approve this version 2 of the budget:
- The board votes again in January on the final submission.
- Mr. Turner made a motion to approve, Ms. Illick seconded the motion. The Chair called the roll, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. CBES (Commercial) Stretch Guidelines Discussion (Commercial Code 9F):

Barry Murphy's Recommendations to update these Guidelines based on the to-be-adopted CBES (source—B. Murphy PowerPoint presented at the November 21, 2019 Board meeting):

- Increase electric vehicle charging requirements
- Increase the number of required points from the additional efficiency packages from 6 to 9
- Increase airtightness from 0.3 CFM/sf to 0.25 CFM/sf for all building
- Retain renewable energy requirement for building over 20,000 sf

General discussion re: Mr. Murphy's recommendations. Mr. Boulbol explained criterion 9(F). Board members expressed interest in additional information for further consideration with respect to new Commercial Stretch Guidelines which may accompany the new base code. Mr. Boulbol will speak with Barry Murphy of the PSD regarding the Board's request for additional information.





VI. Summary: comparison of executive branch draft legislation and committee bill (continuation from Board meeting on 11/21/19):

NRB proposed structure:

General discussion of committee bill's proposal of new Board structure. Board would like to further analyze proposals. Additional documentation concerning proposals located on House committee website. Staff will provide a link to Act 47 & Act 47 Report.

General discussion re: Board involvement with legislative hearings.

Burdens of Proof:

The board discussed the Committee Bill's proposal to shift the burden of proof to appellant (regardless of whom the appellant is) when an appeal is taken. Mr. Turner and Mr. Aldrich supported this bill.

Racial Justice (22):

Brief, general discussion regarding this proposed provision in the Committee Bill.

Update concerning Appeals:

Hinesburg/Hannaford, Act250 Permit issued some time ago within a reasonable amount of time. The Act 250 permit, ancillary ANR permits, and municipal permits have been appealed. As of two weeks ago the developer withdrew their development proposal, as a result no development is currently proposed for this tract in Hinesburg. The town has a proposal to make this land a park. Chair Snelling held a brief discussion on why this property had so many issues/appeals.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 12:24 P.M.:

Mr. Turner mad a motion to Adjourn, Ms. Illick seconded the motion. The Chair called the roll, and the motion passed unanimously.

