



## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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### **NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING** **TUESDAY, December 14, 2021** **11:00 am**

#### Board Members Present by Microsoft Teams/Phone:

Sabina Haskell, Chair; Brad Aldrich, Vice Chair; Steve Larrabee, Member; and Don Turner, Member

#### ABSENT

Andrew Collier, Member

#### Staff Present by Microsoft Teams:

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

#### Members of the Public:

Matt Lombard, Todd Hayman, and Paul [last name unknown]

The Vermont Natural Resources Board convened at 11:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, Chair Sabina Haskell presiding.

#### **I. 11:01 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair and members of the Board introduced themselves.

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

Chair Haskell offered members of the public the opportunity to speak.

Todd Heyman is an Act 250 permit holder and has been following the Peacefield Farm application process. He is a friend of Matt Lombard (applicant for Peacefield Farm) and supplies his restaurant. After following the case and reviewing the hearings, Mr. Heyman has some concerns about how it was handled. He has some suggestions, such as rules that could be improved to make the process less expensive and less confusing. For example, Mr. Heyman suggested that parties should be required to confirm if there are any undisputed facts at the beginning of the application process. Peacefield farm went through two site visits and two hearings, consuming significant time and resources. Ultimately, the decision came down to one criterion. Mr. Heyman wonders whether the decision could have been reached more efficiently. He offered to write a letter to the Board, detailing his suggestions.



**III. 11:13 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of November 9, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 13, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Aldrich and seconded by Mr. Turner and approved unanimously.

**IV. 11:15 a.m. NRB office and budget updates**

Chair Haskell gave a brief update since she is new to the position. Her first official day on the job was Monday December 13. The NRB is finalizing the hiring of a new enforcement officer and looking for a general counsel and a business director. A district coordinator position will be opening in February with a retirement of a coordinator.

**V. 11:16 a.m. Appeals and Enforcement Update**

Mr. Boulbol gave a brief update on the Snowstone appeal. No new decisions have been made. The Supreme court granted motion to reargue, and the matter has been fully briefed. The court has set a date of January 12, 2022, at 9 AM to hear oral arguments. If the Board is interested in watching, the proceedings will be livestreamed or available later for viewing on the Vermont Judiciary's YouTube channel.

**VI. 11:18 a.m. Adjourn**

At 11:18 a.m., Mr. Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Aldrich, and unanimously approved by the Board.