



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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

Board Members Present by Phone:

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

Staff Present by Microsoft Teams:

Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel and Katie Emerson, Legal Technician

Members of the Public:

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

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

Chair Haskell offered the opportunity for public comment, there were no members of the public present.

11:03 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of February 8, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 8, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Brad Aldrich and seconded by Mr. Steve Larrabee and approved unanimously.

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

There was a burst pipe at the NRB central office. Chair Haskell showed pictures, fortunately no permit files were damaged. There was some damage to old personnel files, but they are extraneous and can be recycled. BGS has been working hard to finish the repairs but it's not conducive to having people at the office yet.

The NRB continues to recruit, one of the district 4 technicians is leaving to join the Agency of Agriculture as a water quality specialist. The new enforcement officer, Katilyn Hayes, is starting on Monday.

An announcement about General Counsel is coming soon and we are still working on filling the business director position.



11:11 a.m. Discussion of Appeals

Associate Counsel Alison Stone gave an update on recent appeals. The Supreme Court has replaced its decision on Snowstone, and resolved the case for the specific project. The decision no longer addresses the one-acre issue. It may come up before the court again in the future or in the legislature.

11:13 a.m. Enforcement Update

Mr. Don Turner brought up a concern that landowner wasn't notified that his property was being discussed at a previous Board meeting. Sabina clarified that the business in question was brought up by a member of the public during a public comment and the Board listened to the comment but did not take further action. If more discussion requested, the topic will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

11:14 a.m. Adjourn

At 11:14 a.m., Mr. Brad Aldrich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Don Turner, and unanimously approved by the Board.