



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

10 Baldwin Street
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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING **Tuesday, September 13, 2022** **11:00 am**

Board Members Present in person or by phone:

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

Staff Present by Microsoft Teams:

Jenny Ronnis, Associate General Counsel; Aaron Brondyke, State Coordinator; Michaela Stickney, Enforcement and Compliance Officer; Katie Emerson, Legal Technician; Christopher Kinnick, Enforcement and Compliance Officer

Members of the Public:

Ellen Czajowski
Thomas Weiss

The Vermont Natural Resources Board convened at 11:03 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, Chair Sabina Haskell presiding.

I. 11:03 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Chris Kinnick joined the NRB yesterday as a new Enforcement and Compliance officer, he has over 20 years of experience in environmental health, most recently with department of health.

II. 11:05 a.m. Opportunity for public to comment and agenda and non-agenda items.

Chair Haskell offered the public the opportunity to comment, no comments were made.

III. 11:05 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of July 12, 2022 and August 9, 2022

A motion to review the minutes of July 12, 2022 was made but there was not a quorum of board members who were present at that meeting so the matter was tabled.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, August 9, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Brad Alrich and seconded by Mr. Andrew Collier and approved unanimously.



IV. 11:07 a.m. NRB office and budget updates

Chair Haskell gave a budget update, we have a carry-forward in budget of about \$15,000. The Montpelier office is in midst of roof repair and painting.

Yesterday we had quarterly in person staff meeting. It included De-escalation training in the morning and the afternoon had two presentations - first about the environmental justice act. The second focused on the Act 250 exception for cannabis small cultivators.

V. 11:11 a.m. Priority Housing Flowchart

Associate General Counsel Jenny Ronnis went over the updated priority housing flowchart. Changes include simplifying the chart and eliminating the small thresholds so larger projects can qualify as Priority Housing Projects. The flowchart can be found on the NRB website here:

<https://nrb.vermont.gov/sites/nrb/files/documents/PHP%20Flowchart.pdf>

VI. 11:18 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of July 12, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 12, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Don Turner and seconded by Mr. Andrew Collier and approved unanimously with Mr. Brad Aldrich and Mr. Steve Larabee abstaining.

VII. 11:20 a.m. Executive Session

A motion to enter executive session was made by Mr. Turner for the purposes of personnel discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aldrich and approved unanimously by the Board.

A motion to leave executive session was made by Mr. Aldrich and seconded by Mr. Collier and approved unanimously by the Board.

VIII. 11:30 a.m. Adjourn

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Aldrich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Larrabee, and unanimously approved by the Board.