

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**  
**TUESDAY, March 12, 2019**

**Location of Meeting:**

NRB  
10 Baldwin Street  
Montpelier, VT 05622-3201

**Attendance:**

Diane Snelling, Chair  
Don Turner, Member  
Marty Illick, Member (via phone)

**Staff:**

Greg Boulbol, General Counsel  
Evan Meenan, Associate General Counsel  
Kimberley Lashua, Business Director  
Michaela Stickney, Enforcement and Compliance Officer  
Pam Morin, Legal Technician  
Katie Emerson, Legal Technician

**Meeting**

11:03 A.M. Meeting called to order, introductions made.

**Review and action on Minutes of January 8, 2019:**

- We do not have a quorum of people who were at the last meeting, tabled until next meeting.

**Opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items:**

- No public attending.

**Election of Vice-Chair:**

- Postponed until special meeting scheduled, when the entire Board is present.

**NRB office and budget updates:**

- The Board has received its proposed FY20 budget target from Department of Finance and Management of approximately 3.2 million.
- Chair Snelling and Kimberley have presented to appropriations committees.
- Board/ Commission In-Service Trainings:
  - Rutland 4/4/19
  - Montpelier 4/19/19
  - If anyone has any topic suggestions, contact Chair Snelling.
  - In-Service Trainings are halfway between annual meetings. They give us an opportunity to share and learn. NRB did not conduct one last year, previous training 2 years ago. Discussed: criteria 9L, the new database, and gravel pits.
  - Coordinators and Commissioners attend.
  - Trainings for new members this Friday 3/15 and later this month on 3/29.
- Thirty-five new appointments and reappointments since have been made since January.
- IT update –We are finishing up with development and moving onto the testing and training phase within the next few weeks.

**Update on Proposed Act 47 Legislation:**

- Greg Boulbol provided background on Act 47.
- Greg Boulbol will be providing testimony today regarding Appeals.
- The House Natural Resources Committee continues to take testimony on the Committee Bill.

- Wednesday and Thursday will see more testimony concerning the proposed changes to the Board structure and appeals.
- Crossover is this week, it does not look like it will make crossover from House Natural Resources Committee.
- Other committees are taking up portions of each bill.
- Evan Meenan: Discussion concerning bills: H194, S104 and House Agricultural Committee 197.
- Marty Illick asked what the outlook for the Act250 bill? Diane replied that it looks like a two-year process. The House Natural Resources Committee doesn't look like they will send it to the floor by Friday (Crossover Day), so the Senate will not be able to take it up.
- Marty Illick is concerned that the process does not extend beyond two years. .

#### **Legal updates:**

- Record Management Policy and Record Management Manual: The Board will eventually have to vote to adopt the policy. The Secretary of State Office will have to approve.
  - Evan Meenan and Kimberley Lashua are working on this project.
  - Records Management Policy includes Schedules for disposal of records.
    - Records management Manual will instruct staff on how to comply with the Policy.
- The Superior Court recently approved an AOD for Riverbend Associates Limited Partnership Inc. in Rockingham, VT.
  - Starting in 1991 there was a series of logging and conservation violations.
  - ANR and NRB worked together and finally came to a settlement agreement.
    - Conserving a significant amount of property and resolving all the violations.
    - We were able to recoup all of our enforcement costs.

#### **Executive Session:**

Marty would like to consider a motion to find that discussion with NRB legal counsel about pending matters in front of the court would clearly place the Board at a substantial disadvantage.

- Don Seconded
  - Marty Illick – yes, Don Turner – yes, Chair Snelling – yes.

Marty then made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Board's role in the above matters.

- Don Seconded.
  - Marty Illick – yes, Don Turner – yes, Chair Snelling – yes.

Entered Executive Session:

#### **End of Executive Session 11:42**

#### **Other Business:**

Don Turner had a question - If someone wanted to add an item to an agenda, how should they do that? They should contact Chair Snelling.

Marty Illick had a question regarding the special meeting proposed times.

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 10-10:30 A.M. was agreed upon as the day and time to conduct the Special Meeting to elect a Vice Chair.

Marty Illick made a motion to adjourn.

Don Turner Seconded.

Chair Snelling– Meeting is adjourned.