



## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Dewey Building  
National Life Drive  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3201

### **NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**

#### PRESENT

Jon Groveman, Esq., Chair  
William Boyd Davies, Esq., Member  
Martha (Marty) Illick, Member  
Don Sargent, Member

#### ABSENT

Dominic Cloud, Member

#### STAFF

Greg Boulbol, General Counsel  
Lou Borie, Executive Director  
Kimberley Lashua, Administration Manager  
Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel  
Aaron Brondyke, Permit Compliance Officer  
Jonna Seckington, Administrative Secretary

#### Public Meeting

The Vermont Natural Resources Board convened at approximately 9:05 a.m. at the Dewey Building Conference Room, National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont, Chair Jon Groveman presiding.

#### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting was made by Bill Davies with corrections on page 2, paragraphs 6 & 9, and seconded by Marty Illick as noted and approved unanimously

#### **Office and Budget Update – Including Annual Meeting, Trainings, LEAN & Retirements**

Jon Groveman gave an update on the budget and retirement incentive program. Three staff members will be retiring. All 3 employees asked for and were granted extensions to stay beyond October 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have made a request to the Agency of Administration to refill all positions. Jon will keep the Board informed once he has more information.



Chair Groveman provided an update on initiatives to provide additional training for District Commissions. The NRB intends to start trainings for the Commission Chairs, Vice Chairs and others who would like to participate. Tentative topics will be invited, but the meetings will be scheduled around the Chairs.

Jon announced we are working on the Agenda for the NRB Annual Meeting..

Staff from the NRB will participate in a LEAN event in early December. This week long process is designed to optimize process and eliminate waste. We will reschedule the Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don Sargent will participate by phone from Texas.

## **2. Action On Pending Appeals and Enforcement Matters**

Bill Davies made a motion to go into executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A. Sec. 313(a)(1) and (6) for discussion of privileged documents and civil actions by the State where premature public knowledge would clearly place the Board at a substantial disadvantage, and invited its legal, Administration Manager, and administrative staff into the executive session. Don Sargent seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the Board. The Board went into executive session at 9:40 a.m.

## **3. Action on Pending Appeals**

The Board came out of executive session at 10:06 a.m.

No action was taken.

## **4. 9L Draft Guidance and Procedure**

The Board provided comments on the draft 9L Guidance and Procedure. Chair Groveman indicated the drafts will likely change based on stakeholder comments, and the Board will be presented with new drafts for review.

## **5. NRB Work Plan 2016**

The Board discussed what issues it would like to focus on in 2016. The Board expressed interest in focusing on the interplay between Act 250 and local permitting. Chair Groveman indicate he would think about the best way to use Board time to address this issue.


## **6. Legislative Agenda**

Jon asked the Board to continue to reflect upon the upcoming legislation. Forest Fragmentation, 9L, Designated Downtowns, Priority Housing, VLCT Record Review, the Jurisdictional Opinion Reconsideration Process and Solar Siting Act 248 were all possible matters that could come up. The Board would like email updates during the Legislative Session.

**7. Other Business**

At 11:36 a.m., Bill Davies made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marty Illick, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jon M. Groveman., Chair

Approved by the Board at its 11/10/2015 meeting.