



## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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### **NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING** **TUESDAY, January 11, 2022** **11:00 am**

#### Board Members Present by Microsoft Teams:

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

#### ABSENT

#### Staff Present by Microsoft Teams:

Gregory Boulbol, General Counsel; Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel; Aaron Brondyke, State Coordinator; Michaela Stickney, Enforcement and Compliance Officer; Katie Emerson, Legal Technician

#### Members of the Public:

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

The Vermont Natural Resources Board convened at 11:01 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, Chair Sabina Haskell presiding. Today is Mr. Greg Boulbol's last day, the members of the Board thanked Mr. Boulbol for his service.

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

Offered Public Opportunity  
No public present

#### **11:02 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of December 14, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, December 14, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Don Turner and seconded by Mr. Brad Aldrich and approved unanimously (Andrew Collier abstained).

#### **11:03 a.m. NRB office and budget updates**

Chair Haskell gave the office and budget update. There are currently four positions open. The Business Manager, District 3 Coordinator, and Enforcement Officer position postings have all closed, and interviews will be starting soon. The General Counsel position is open. The current District 3 Coordinator Linda Matteson is retiring on Feb 11



after 32 years of service. She represents a huge amount of experience and institutional knowledge. She will be missed.

The new database and online application system is launching on Feb 1, so staff have been hard at work with training and preparing for that. The project to electronically scan all permit files in Districts 4 and 7 also continues to move forward.

### **11:05 a.m. Discussion regarding Act 250 legislative initiatives**

Chair Haskell and Associate Attorney Alison Stone are testifying tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM in the House Natural Resources Committee regarding H.492. The bill proposes replacing the current board structure with a five-person professional board. Former NRB Chair Ron Shems is also testifying tomorrow and former Chair Diane Snelling is testifying later in the week.

Chair Haskell and Ms. Stone are also connecting with senators to discuss spending ARPA funding and how to facilitate the land use permitting process to expedite those projects.

Chair Haskell will be visiting the District 4 office and Commission tomorrow and the District 7 office on Friday. She will meet directly with other district staff over the coming weeks and hopes to meet those district commissioners at the same time.

### **11:10 a.m. Adjourn**

At 11:10 a.m., Mr. Steve Larrabee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brad Aldrich, and unanimously approved by the Board.