



## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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### **NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING** **TUESDAY, May 10, 2022** **11:00 am**

#### Board Members Present by Microsoft Teams:

Sabina Haskell, Chair; Andrew Collier, Member; Don Turner, Member

#### ABSENT

Brad Aldrich, Vice Chair; Steve Larrabee, Member

#### Staff Present by Microsoft Teams:

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

#### Members of the Public:

#### **I. 11:03 Welcome**

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

#### **II. 11:03 a.m. Opportunity for public to comment and agenda and non-agenda items.**

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

#### **III. 11:04 a.m. Review and action on Minutes of April 12, 2022**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, April 12, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Andrew Collier and seconded by Mr. Don Turner and approved unanimously.

#### **IV. 11:05 a.m. NRB office and budget updates**

Chair Haskell gave the office and budget update. Yesterday was the first all staff, in-person meeting that was held in two years. There were several sessions including a discussion of what worked and what didn't during COVID.

Another activity was to brainstorm priorities for the NRB for the next year. The top three priorities were:



1. Staffing
2. All files scanned
3. Positive PR and public outreach regarding Act250

Regarding staffing, Rachel Lomonaco has accepted the position of business director, advertising for her current position as D4 coordinator will take place this week We are in the final stages of recruiting for associate general counsel and then will gear up for the limited-service positions if the budget goes through as passed.

**V. 11:07 a.m. Discussion regarding Act 250 legislative initiatives**

Chair Haskell gave an update regarding the legislature. The preliminary budget passed, which includes funding for three limited-service positions: two coordinator positions and an executive director for three years.

S.234 the Senate Act250 governance bill is scheduled to be on the senate floor this morning.

The Governors press conference this afternoon will focus on housing and act250 and permit reform.

**VI. 11.08 a.m. Discussion of appeals, enforcement, and attorney-client memoranda**

General Counsel Alison Stone gave an update on recent appeals. The NRB has received two appeals in the past week, both on jurisdictional opinions.

The NRB received a new statement of questions in the Burton appeal, Ms. Stone forwarded these to Vice Chair Aldrich. A status conference on Costco Appeal is scheduled for mid-June.

**VII. 11:15 a.m. Adjourn**

At 11:15 a.m., Mr. Don Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Andrew Collier, and unanimously approved by the Board.