



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, August 14th, 2018
11:00am

Location of Meeting:

NRB – 10 Baldwin Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-3201

Present at Meeting:

Diane B. Snelling, Chair
Steve Larrabee, Member (via telephone)
Marty Illick, Member (via telephone)

Staff:

Gregory Boulbol, General Counsel
Evan Meenan, Associate General Counsel
Hannah Dean, Legal Intern
Kimberley Lashua, Business Director
Elexandra Arthers, Legal Technician

The Natural Resources Board meeting was called to order at 11:01 am on August 14th, 2018 at 10 Baldwin Street by Diane Snelling.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Meeting minutes of June 12th were reviewed. Meeting Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No members of the public were in attendance.

III. NRB, Office, and Budget Updates

Hiring Updates/ District Restructuring-

Joshua Donabedian will be starting work with the NRB next week as a second Coordinator for Districts 5, 6 & 9. The Coordinators will share the workload and will spend a minimum of one day a week in the Essex Office. Recruitment ends today for the NRB Legal Technician. The primary focus of this position is supporting the Legal team; it will additionally have administrative duties. Recruitment for the NRB Enforcement Officer closes on August 26th. We will be holding interviews shortly after. Long time NRB Technician Barbara Cady is retiring at the end of the month; we will be recruiting for this position and are looking at temporary coverage options in the interim.

Budget-

We are continuing to work with our new Budget analyst. We will be working with him monthly; moving forward- we will be looking at predictive planning for our Budget estimations/ forecasting. More information to follow.

Act 47



The Board was encouraged to attend Act 47 public outreach sessions if possible. Diane Snelling will send the Board a link to the specifics of these meetings. An Act 47 online survey will soon become available. The Board was encouraged to fill out this survey and pass it along to applicable parties.

Annual Meeting

In the past these meetings have included group discussion, and a speaker. The Board was asked to consider new ideas for these meetings. An example provided by the Chair was looking, first hand, at an Act 250 project.

White and Burke

We will be presenting at White and Burke on November 15th this year. We have invited the Act 47 Commissioners to attend this meeting as a panel.

IV. Executive Session- appeals, enforcement, and personnel

Marty Illick made a motion to find that premature disclosure of matters would compromise the Board. The motion was seconded by Steve Larrabee. Marty Illick made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Board's position in such matters. Steve Larrabee seconded the motion, and both motions were unanimously approved by the Board in a roll call vote. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:36 am.

The Board came out of Executive session at 12:07 pm. The Board took no further action.

V. Other Business- Adjourn

Steve Larrabee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marty Illick seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion in a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.