



## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Dewey Building  
National Life Drive  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3201

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### NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, August 8th, 2017

10:00 am

#### Location of Meeting:

NRB – Dewey Building  
1 National Life Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3201

#### Present at Meeting:

Diane B. Snelling, Chair  
Martha (Marty) Illick, Member  
Don Sargent, Member  
Brad Aldrich, Member  
Elizabeth Courtney, Alternate Member

#### ABSENT

Dominic Cloud, Member  
Gregory Boulbol, General Counsel  
Aaron Brondyke, Enforcement Officer

#### STAFF

Kimberley Lashua, Administration Manager  
Elexandra Arthers, Legal Technician  
Donna Barlow Casey, Executive Director  
Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel

The Natural Resources Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on August 8th, 2017 at NRB – Dewey Building- by Diane Snelling.

#### I. Approval of the Minutes

Meeting minutes of July 11th, 2017 were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items`

No members of the public were in attendance.

#### III. NRB, Office, and Budget Updates

##### Recruitment-

The Essex Coordinator position is currently recruiting, and ends on the 13th. The Board was encouraged to direct prospective applicants to the HR website to apply.

##### Database-

We are making great progress, in conjunction with ANR IT on the creation of the NRB's new database and an e-filing project. This project is not slated to be complete until the end of next year, but we are currently ahead of schedule.



Reduction Exercise-

We are still awaiting news on a possible budget rescission. We have completed the exercise in planning for a 2%,3%, and 4% reduction, and we will be able to meet these projections if necessary.

**IV. Legislative/Policy updates**

Diane Snelling updated the Board on active legislative and policy matters as follows:

Act 47:

We are continuing our work on the Act 47 project, and coordinating our efforts with many other agencies. The commission will convene for the first time in September and we continue to frame the Act 47 discussions with the goal of providing as much information as possible for this meeting. We are strongly suggesting outside facilitation for upcoming meetings.

**V. Energy Compliance Determination Update**

Appeals:

Peter Gill reminded the Board that we are the appellate body on Energy Compliance Determinations, and brought to the Board's attention two possible upcoming determinations. Both of which are expected to be handled through different outlets and not reach the Board. Marty Illick asked if regional plans need to be complete the process. Peter Gill responded by saying that they do, however, regional plans do not need to be completed before town plans. Marty pointed out that energy compliance initiatives hold many questions and concerns for towns.

**VI. Appeals (Summary Discussion/ Status)**

Appeals overview-

Peter Gill gave the Board a brief status update on the following appellate matter, Mountain Top. Elizabeth Courtney noted that she will have to recuse herself from any Mountain Top related matters.

**VII. Executive Session**

Executive session was not entered.

**VIII. Other Business- Adjourn**

Diane Snelling gave an update to the Board on the following matters.

Restructuring-

We are working on restructuring the workload at the NRB to allow for even workloads between the districts. This process is ongoing, and great conversations with staff are being had around the process.

NEMG-

We are currently fielding complaints regarding smells at the asphalt plant, storing of crushed asphalt removed from roads, and crushing. The NRB Enforcement Officer Aaron Brondyke has spent extensive time at the site in regard to the complaints of smells and has found no enforceable claims. We have found no justification to enforce in any of the three claims.

Brad Aldrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Sargent seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.