



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Dewey Building
National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05620-3201

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, September 12th, 2017 10:00 am

Location of Meeting:

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

Present at Meeting:

Dominic Cloud, Vice Chair (via phone)
Martha (Marty) Illick, Member (via phone)
Don Sargent, Member (via phone)

Absent from Meeting:

Diane B. Snelling, Chair
Brad Aldrich, Member
Aaron Brondyke, Enforcement Officer

STAFF

Donna Barlow Casey, Executive Director
Gregory Boulbol, General Counsel
Kimberley Lashua, Business Director
Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel
Elexandra Arthers, Legal Technician

Public

Kate McCarthy- VNRC (via phone)

The Natural Resources Board meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM on September 12th, 2017 at NRB – Dewey Building- by Dominic Cloud.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Meeting minutes of August 8th will be reviewed at the next meeting.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Kate McCarthy from VNRC was in attendance via phone and she was here to listen to Legislative updates.

III. NRB, Office, and Budget Updates

Kimberley Lashua and Donna Barlow Casey updated the Board on the matters below:



- We are in the process of recruiting for the District Coordinator position. Second interviews will be held next week.
- The Central Office is continuing our work with ANR on the database project, and much progress is happening. As of right now the project is projected to be finished in December of 2018.
- As part of our ongoing restructuring efforts the NRB has re-instated the Chief Coordinator position. Warren Foster has been named the Chief Coordinator. His role is to provide mentorship and training to new District Coordinators and help with consistency across the board.
- The Executive Team is continuing work on restructuring. This has been going well internally. We are working to achieve greater flexibility in our workforce as part of ongoing succession planning. We will have continued updates for the Board on this matter.
- We are continuing our work on Act 47. In the upcoming weeks Diane Snelling, Donna Barlow Casey, Gregory Boulbol, and Peter Gill will be meeting with NRB partners and public entities. This includes the upcoming municipal days as well as many meetings where we look forward to feedback from the public.

IV. Legislative and Policy Updates

A copy of the Act 47 working group draft was distributed. The NRB worked in conjunction with partner agencies to develop the draft. The draft was presented to the Governor last week, and was well received. It is required to be presented to the Act 47 Commission in October. We are awaiting feedback from the Governor's office.

Dominic Cloud noted that we have previously discussed the current and potential future roles of the Board. He would like to discuss this further when Diane Snelling is present.

Don Sargent inquired about who will be completing the "review on the board vs environmental court". Donna Barlow Casey informed him that, among other things, the Commission will be considering the issue of appeals from district commissions. She also stated and that we will be providing the Commission with data on Appeal processing times now vs when the Environmental Board heard cases. We expect that the Commission will ask for more information as it is needed.

V. Appeals

The Board was given a memo on Appeal updates prior to the meeting. The Board had no further questions about the status of Appeals.

VI. Other Business- Adjourn

At 10:23 Marty Illick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Sargent seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.