



NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, February 13th, 2018
11:00am

Location of Meeting:

NRB – 10 Baldwin Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05633-3201

Present at Meeting:

Dominic Cloud, vice-chair (via telephone)
Brad Aldrich, Member (via telephone)
Don Sargent, Member (via telephone)
Gail Fallar (via telephone)
Kate McCarthy- VNRC

Absent from Meeting:

Diane B. Snelling, Chair
Gregory Boulbol, General Counsel
Kimberley Lashua, Business Director

Staff:

Donna Barlow Casey, Executive Director
Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel
Aaron Brondyke, Enforcement Officer
Elexandra Arthers, Legal Technician

The Natural Resources Board meeting was called to order at 11:03 am on February 13th, 2018 at 10 Baldwin Street by Dominic Cloud.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Meeting minutes of December 12th were reviewed. Brad Aldrich made a motion to approve the minutes as revised, Don Sargent seconded the motion. Gail Fallar recused herself from vote as she was not present at the December meeting. The minutes were approved by the Board in a unanimous roll call vote.

II. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Kate McCarthy of VNRC was in attendance. She had no comments on non-agenda items.

III. NRB, Office, and Budget Updates

Budget-

Our final budget number for FY 2019 is \$3,139,468. This represents a 2.4% increase over last year. This includes a 1% increase in the General Fund and a 2.9% increase or \$72,261 in the Special Fund. Our Annual Report is due on Thursday. We will be sending the report out to the Board and District Commission members by email.

Personnel Matters-



Reorganization of the company structure is continuing. We will be hiring a Paralegal in the coming months and are currently recruiting for a Project Coordinator.

IV. Legislative/Policy updates

Peter Gill, Donna Barlow Casey and Kate McCarthy updated the Board on active legislative and policy matters as follows:

Act 47:

The Act 47 Commission is beginning to look at the structure for the public comment period. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted by the commission and will be accepting bids through February 26th.

Act 250 conference

The upcoming Act 250 Conference will be held at Vermont Law School on May 24th. The exact details are still being solidified, will be a collaboration between the Vermont Planners, Vermont Law School and VNRC.

V. Executive Session- appeals, enforcement, and personnel

Don Sargent made a motion to find that premature disclosure of matters would compromise the Board. The motion was seconded by Gail Fallar. Brad Aldrich made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Board's position in such matters. Gail Fallar seconded the motion, and the motions were unanimously approved by the Board in a roll call vote. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:24 am.

The Board came out of Executive session at 11:33 am. The Board took no further action.

VI. Other Business- Adjourn

Gail Fallar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board unanimously approved the motion in a roll call vote.