



Natural Resources Board Minutes - Draft
October 08, 2019

Attendance:

Board Members by Phone:

Marty Illick, Vice Chair
Steve Larrabee, Member
Don Turner, Member
Brad Aldrich, Member

Board Members in Person:

Diane Snelling, Chair

Staff:

Diane Snelling, Chair
Kimberley Lashua, Business Director
Evan Meenan, Associate General Counsel
Greg Boulbol, General Counsel
Aaron Brondyke, State Coordinator
Pamela Morin, Legal Technician
Kirsten Sultan, Staff
William Burke, Staff

Public:

Shelden Goodwin – From VNRC

Public Meeting:

1. **Meeting Convened:**
 - The Natural Resources Board convened at 11:01 A.M. at 10 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT, Chair Diane Snelling presiding.
2. **Public Comment (non-agenda items):**
 - Chair Snelling invited public comment on non-agenda items: there were no such comments.
3. **Review of Board Meeting Minutes for August 06, 2019:**
 - No changes or modifications.
 - Board Member Turner had a question regarding the Commercial Stretch Guidelines.

- Mr. Boulbol provided a brief overview of the status of the Commercial Stretch Guidelines and suggested that if the Board was interested, we could invite a speaker from the Department of Public Service to discuss potential changes to the Commercial Stretch Guidelines at a future Board Meeting.
- Motion to Approve August 06, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes:
 - Motion to approve made by Marty Illick.
 - Don seconded the motion.
 - All Board Members voted “yes” to approve the minutes.
 - Minutes passed.
- 4. Delegation of Authority:
 - Discussion concerning existing Delegation of Authority:
 - Board members expressed an interest in voting on the budget and legislative/policy issues.
 - No changes to the Delegation of Authority were made or recommended.
- 5. Business Director presented an overview of the NRB Budget Process:
 - Board reviewed and discussed initial FY21 Budget draft presented.
 - Board Voted on the initial FY21 Budget as presented.
 - Don/Brad/Marty/Steve all stated Yes to approve.
 - Motion passed and the Board has approved.
- 6. Position Change:
 - Chair Snelling reviewed the responsibilities of the Executive Director (ED) Position.
 - Chair Snelling explained that since the resignation of the ED, many of the ED responsibilities have been divided between other NRB staff.
 - The Board is interested in adding a second Enforcement & Compliance Officer position in place of the ED position.
 - Board generally expressed a desire to be part of the decision-making process when personnel changes impact the budget. Chair Snelling indicated that this was the intent of this portion of the agenda.
- 7. Policy update:
 - Legal Counsel provided a brief summary of bills pending in the last legislative session that are likely to be taken up this legislative session (House Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Committee bill and the Administration’s bill).
 - Board staff will update the Board concerning bills in the Legislature weekly.
 - Discussion concerning alternative proposals to restructure Act250.
 - Overview of ongoing policy discussion regarding regulation of recreational trails.



- Chair Snelling provided an overview of new Aviation Master Planning program.
- Brief discussion regarding on-farm accessory businesses relative to both Act 143 and proposed changes to Act 250.

8. Next Board meeting:

- Chair Snelling will provide dates to conduct the next Board Meeting.

9. Public Comment (agenda items):

- Sheldon Goodwin from the VNRC asked whether the Board would be hiring an Executive Director, and the Board confirmed that an Executive Director would not be hired.

10. Meeting Adjourned:

- Chair Snelling called for a motion to adjourn.
- Don Turner seconded the motion.
- All Board members voted “yes” to adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

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