



STATE OF VERMONT
General Assembly
Commission on Act 250:
the Next 50 Years

MINUTES – SEP. 20, 2017

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Sec. 2(d), the Office of Legislative Council convened a meeting of the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. David Deen
Rep. Paul Lefebvre
Rep. Amy Sheldon

Sen. Brian Campion
Sen. Dick McCormack
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, ACCD
Elizabeth Courtney
Peter Gregory, Two Rivers
Karen Horn, VLCT
Tom Little, Chair, District 4 Commission

Julie Moore, Secretary, ANR
Sharon Murray, VPA
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB
Brian Shupe, VNRC
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Staff present

Aaron Adler
Charlene Dindo

Legislative Counsel
Committee Assistant

The Commission conducted elections of officers. Sen. Campion nominated Rep. Sheldon to be Chair. On motion of Rep. Deen, the Commission unanimously voted to close the nominations and to elect Rep. Sheldon as Chair. Rep. Sheldon commenced to preside over the meeting.

Sen. Campion nominated Sen. Pearson to be Vice Chair. On motion of Rep. Deen, the Commission unanimously voted to close the nominations and to elect Sen. Pearson as Vice Chair.

The Commission discussed whether to make adjustments to the agenda. On motion of Sen. Pearson, the Commission unanimously voted to adjust the agenda to hear, following a review of its charge, a status report from Natural Resources Board (NRB) Chair Snelling on the work of the Executive Branch working group described in Act 47, Sec. 1(c).

Rep. Sheldon asked if there were any members of the public present who wished to be heard during the public comment portion of the agenda. There were no affirmative responses.

Counsel Adler reviewed the Commission's charge as set forth in Act 47 and answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Snelling provided a status report on the work of the Executive Branch working group described in Act 47, Sec. 1(c) and indicated that the group would be prepared to present to the Commission in October. Chair Snelling also answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed its future process, including implementing the charge; setting up its review of the Act 250 statute, its implementation, and history; and scheduling of future meetings. The Commission requested and heard suggestions from the advisors present, including Ms. Courtney, Mr. Little, Chair Snelling, Mr. Shupe, and Mr. Tarrant.

The Commission set two meeting dates and will work with staff on setting one or more additional dates prior to the 2018 session. The two dates chosen were October 25 and November 15, 2017.

Rep. Sheldon asked again if there were any members of the public present who wished to be heard and received no affirmative responses.

On motion of Sen. Champion, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.

The next currently scheduled meeting of the Commission is on October 25, 2017, starting at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler
Legislative Counsel



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MINUTES – OCT. 25, 2017

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Rep. David Deen
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Sen. Brian Campion
Sen. Dick McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Elizabeth Courtney
Joe Flynn, Secretary, AOT
Peter Gregory, Two Rivers
William Keeton, UVM
Julie Moore, Secretary, ANR
Sharon Murray, VPA

Ernest Pomerleau, Pomerleau Real Estate
Michael Schirling, Secretary, ACCD
Brian Shupe, VNRC
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB
Gerry Tarrant, VBA
Anson Tebbets, Secretary, AAFM

Staff present

Aaron Adler
Faith Brown

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Committee Assistant

Chair Rep. Sheldon noted that, although not required, minutes are being kept of the Commission's meetings. Since they are not required, the Commission will not act on them.

The Commission heard from the following witnesses regarding a history and overview of Act 250 and land use planning in Vermont: Mr. Adler; Chair Snelling and Greg Boulbol, General Counsel, Natural Resources Board; and Ms. Murray.

The Commission next heard testimony on a report from an executive branch working group on Act 250. Chair Snelling and Secretary Moore overviewed the report and William Coster, Director of Planning for the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), provided more detailed testimony on the report and answered questions. Secretaries Flynn, Schirling and

Tebbetts were also present for this testimony. Commission members requested the following in response to the testimony:

- Analysis of whether the exemption of farming from Act 250 contributed to lake pollution
- Information from the Governor's Climate Action Commission on the question of updating Act 250 to address climate change
- Examples of and statistics on alleged misuse of the Act 250 process by competitors of proposed projects
- Examples of and statistics on "tactical appeals"
- More information on the concept of "resource-based" jurisdiction for Act 250
- Analysis of moving the regulation of wind turbines on ridgelines from the Public Utility Commission to Act 250

The Commission then discussed presentations by the Advisors to be made at the next meeting, including what the presentations might address and how the meeting would be structured. Several of the Advisors made suggestions. Rep. Sheldon indicated that she would confer with Vice Chair Pearson following the meeting and more specific direction would be provided to the Advisors.

The Commission heard public comment from the following witnesses: Bruce Post, A.J. Wasserman, and Lyle Jepson.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is on November 15, 2017, starting at 10:00 a.m. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

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MINUTES – NOV. 15, 2017

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

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Rep. David Deen
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
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Pursuant to Act 47, Sec. 2(d)(1)(B)(v), the Commission provided an opportunity for the advisors an opportunity to provide relevant information as part of its preliminary meeting phase. The Commission heard from the following advisors: Mr. Shupe, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Pomerleau, Ms. Horn, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Murray, Chair Snelling, and Chair Little.

The Commission heard public comment from the following witnesses: James Dumont, Esq. and Tim Taylor, Chair of the District No. 3 Commission.

The Commission then discussed the agenda for its meeting of December 13, 2017, which will start at 10 a.m. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier. The Commission adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel



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MINUTES – DEC. 13, 2017

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Rep. David Deen

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
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Staff present

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Continuing the opportunity for the advisors to be heard pursuant to Sec. 2(d)(1)(B)(v) of Act 47, the Commission began with testimony from Ms. Courtney, who had not been able to testify at the meeting of November 15, 2017.

In preparation for the second phase of its charge (public engagement), the Commission then heard from witnesses on conduct public engagement processes. Susan Clark testified on the subject generally. Chair Snelling testified on the public outreach conducted with respect to legislation on shorelands permitting. Louis Porter, Commissioner, and Mark Scott, Director of Wildlife, both of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, testified on public processes conducted by that Department.

The Commission discussed how to conduct the public engagement process required by Act 47. On motion of Vice-Chair Pearson, the Commission unanimously voted to request,

pursuant to Sec. 3 of Act 47, to request that the Office of Legislative Council retain professional assistance. The Chair and Vice-Chair will work with the Office to create a scope of work for review by the Commission.

The Commission heard testimony from State agencies in response to questions from the Commission at its prior meetings. Witnesses included:

- Chris Cochran and Dale Azaria of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development on state designation programs under 24 V.S.A. chapter 76A
- Billy Coster of the Agency of Natural Resources on the concept of resource-based jurisdiction, the relationship between Act 250 and other State permits, and the issue of moving jurisdiction over wind turbine siting from the Public Utility Commission to Act 250.
- Peter Walke of the Agency of Natural Resources on the Governor's Climate Action Commission.
- Secretary Tebbets and Stephanie Smith of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets on the agricultural exemption from Act 250. Ms. Smith also testified on accessory agricultural enterprises.
- Commissioner Michael Snyder and Deputy Commissioner Sam Lincoln of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation on issues relating to Act 250, forest products, and rural economic development.
- Peter Gill of the Natural Resources Board on Act 250 appeals and the issue of "tactical" appeals.

The Commission provided an opportunity for the advisors to respond to the agencies and heard testimony from Ms. Horn, Mr. Little, Mr. Pomerleau, and Mr. Shupe.

The Commission heard public comment from the following witnesses: Justina Gregory and Susan Kelly.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES – JAN. 18, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 8:00 A.M. in Room 10 of the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Rep. David Deen
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Sen. Brian Campion
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Peter Gregory, Two Rivers
Sharon Murray, VPA

Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Staff present

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The Commission discussed the following:

- A draft request for proposals (RFP) for professional assistance in the public engagement process. Commission members provided suggestions. The Chair and Vice Chair will finalize the RFP working with staff.
- The formation of subcommittees on various issues within the Commission's charge to inform the public engagement process and the Commission's deliberations. Commission members and advisors provided suggestions. The Chair and Vice Chair will finalize the subcommittees, including their structure and charge.

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MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 5:15 P.M. in the Legislative Council conference room in the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Sen. Richard McCormack

Staff present

Aaron Adler
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On motion of Vice Chair Sen. Pearson, the Commission unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss the contract proposals submitted in response to the Commission's request for proposals for assistance with the public engagement process under Act 47. Public disclosure would place the Commission at a substantial disadvantage.

After discussion, the Commission, on motion of Sen. Pearson, voted unanimously to exit executive session. On motion of Sen. McCormack, the Commission then voted unanimously that a group of Commission members will interview potential contractors.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at noon in Room 8 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Brian Campion
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. David Deen
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Dale Azaria, ACCD
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Billy Coster, ANR

Staff present

Aaron Adler
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Others present

Paul Dickin, Cope and Associates

The Commission met with Mr. Dickin of Cope and Associates, which has been retained pursuant to Act 47 to assist the Commission with its public engagement process. Development of outreach plan was discussed.

Rep. Sheldon noted that reports from the subcommittees are due by April 30, 2018.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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MINUTES – MAY 18, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, May 18, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier. A quorum of the Commission was not physically present. The Commission discussed topics and took no actions.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Commission members on phone

Sen. Brian Campion
Rep. David Deen
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

Mike Ferrant, Deputy Director for Operations

Others present

Paul Dickin and Leah Schulz, Cope and Associates
Greg Boulbol, General Counsel, NRB

Mr. Dickin of Cope and Associates walked the Commission through a document regarding the outreach plan for the public engagement process. The Committee's discussion included the following:

- Sen. McCormack recommended that, for each meeting, the agenda be posted online and a press release be issued.
- Sen. Pearson recommended including, under the "Vehicles" heading in the document, legislative leadership, the advisors to the Commission, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and other interested parties.
- The potential involvement of the Governor, including the preparation of a draft letter to invite the Governor's participation.

- The importance of working with regional planning commissions in areas that are not hosting meetings.
- The possible creation of an external website for the public engagement process to which there is a link on the Commission website.
- The preparation of materials for the public engagement process and the role of the subcommittees.

The Commission also discussed scheduling, including the following tentative schedule for the public engagement process:

5/25/18 – circulate “kickoff” materials for review, by e-mail

6/07/18 – “kickoff” of public engagement process

6/15/18 – Commission meeting at State House

6/27/18 – first public engagement meeting, in Springfield led by Rep. Deen

7/11/18 – second public engagement meeting, in Manchester led by Sen. Champion

7/25/18 – third public engagement meeting, in Randolph led by Sen. McCormack

8/22/18 – fourth public engagement meeting, in the Northeast Kingdom led by Rep. Lefebvre

9/05/18 – fifth public engagement meeting, in Rutland led by Rep. Sheldon

9/12/18 – sixth public engagement meeting, in Chittenden County led by Sen. Pearson

The Commission adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

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MINUTES – June 15, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Friday, June 15, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Brian Campion
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. David Deen
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB
Dale Azaria, ACCD

Billy Coster, ANR

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel
Mike Ferrant, Deputy Director for Operations

Others present

Paula Cope, Paul Dickin, and Olivia Machanic, Cope and Associates
Donna Barlow-Casey and Alexandra Pastor, both of the NRB
John Brabant, Vermonters for a Clean Environment
Bruce Post

Ms. Cope, Mr. Dickin, and Ms. Machanic presented a draft agenda and materials for the public engagement forums to occur this summer. Commission members asked questions, discussed, and provided feedback on the agenda and materials. Chair Snelling and Messrs. Brabant and Post also provided comments during the meeting.

The Commission directed that materials be redrafted and submitted for further review by the close of business on Monday, June 18, 2018. The Commission agreed to meet again on this topic at noon on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES – June 27, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Rep. David Deen convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:08 p.m. in the Nolin-Murray Center in Springfield, Vermont. The Commission conducted a public engagement forum.

Commission members present

Rep. David Deen
Sen. Brian Campion
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Donna Barlow Casey, NRB

Billy Coster, ANR

Staff present

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel

Others present

Paula and Nicole Cope, Dana Gulley, and Scout Precourt, all of Cope and Associates
Greg Boulbol and Hannah Dean, NRB
Please see attached sign-in sheets for additional attendees

The public engagement forum consisted of the following components:

- Rep. Deen played a “welcome” video from Chair Rep. Amy Sheldon and Diane Snelling, Chair of the Natural Resources Board (NRB).
- Rep. Deen presented on the purpose of the forum and on the background of Act 250.
- Ms. Casey provided an explanation of the Act 250 process.
- Ms. Cope explained the priority setting tool used by her firm, called the “Big Deal.”
- Facilitators led groups of forum participants in engagement on Act 250 using that tool.

- After completing the use of the tool and a short survey, Rep. Deen answered questions from participants submitted using index cards and announced the upcoming forums and their dates.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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(sign-in sheets)

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Springfield ACT 250 Forum
Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Chris Pearson	Legislature		
Brian Campion	state senator/Bennington		
Tom Kennedy	SWCRPC		Facilitator
David Deen	legislator		
Noah Miller			Facilitator
Billy Coster	ANR		
Bruce Richardson	SPFLD		
KATHERINE PARKINGTON	GUILFORD		
Daniel Korganuth	Guilford	Yes	wife
Eric Stevens	Grafton		WNRC
JOHN W. SMITH	SPRINGFIELD, VT	—	NEWS PAPER
Char Osterlund	Spfld	Retired	paper
Robert Kischko	Springfield	Engineer	paper - Facebook
Judda Kischko	"		online
Bob Forsythe	"	LEGISLATOR	
WALT CLARK	"	DRS	Wed Site
Allan Sullivan	Dorset	Att	
Walter Martone	Springfield		web
Sam Lincoln	Dept Forest Parkes Research		Word of mouth

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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
George T. McNaughton	Springfield	Attorney	Notice
Cliff Allan	Coulton	Business Owner	
Bill Jewell	Guilford	Winkwelled Co	Notice
Hannah Dean	S. Royanton	Student	NRB
MARY BROOKS			Facilitator
DAN BROOKS			Facilitator
SCOTT WHITTED			Facilitator
TIM COPE			Facilitator



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MINUTES – July 11, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Sen. Brian Campion convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 6:09 p.m. at the Inn at Manchester in Manchester, Vermont. The Commission conducted a public engagement forum.

Commission members present

Rep. David Deen
Sen. Brian Campion

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Dale Azaria, ACCD
Jon Groveman, VNRC

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Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel

Others present

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Manchester ACT 250 Forum
Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

	NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
1	Joe Magnani	Wells, VT	retired	NEWS
2	Lop Linda Jay Sullivan	Dorset	Levy	
3	Dale Azoric	Burlington	attorney	
4	Haron Adlor	Brookfield	leg. counsel	work
5	Kath Botzow	Fernald	retired	D8 Commissioner
6	JOAN GOODRICH	BENNINGTON	consultant	D8 CHAIR
7	Kathy Hall	Chittenden Town	ret. teacher	newspaper
8	Janet Taylor	Halifax	retired teacher	VNRC email
9	Susan Kelly	Halifax	veterinarian	" "
10	Ed Laverne	Dorset	retired	T
11	Kathy Laverne	Dorset	retired	T
12	BILL CAIRNS	MANCHESTER VT	SKI RESORT	NEWS PAPER
13	Gretchen Hamlin	Wilmington, VT	Economic Develop	Diane Shelley
14	ERIK BARNES	WEST DORSET VT	VP-GM	USAA
15	AL SANDS	GRATTON, VT	SELECT BOARD	EMAIL
16	Bill Nupp	SMADON, VT	MLR	VSAA
17	JOAN MENSON	DORSET, VT	retired	
18	BOB MENSON			
19	BRUCE WAITE	DORSET VT	LOGGER	NEWS

Manchester ACT 250 Forum

Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

	NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
20	Marilyn Allen	West Hali Fax	Teacher	Through VNRC
21	Bill Botzoc	Pocahontas, VA	Legislator/Artist	multiple wife = commuSL
22	Walth ENTU	Pocahontas VA	research	legislator
23	Andrew McKeel	Sunderland	media	@NAT
24	D. GREEN	DORSET	—	—
25	John deBruin	MT. TABOR	Traffic Control	Media
26	Becky Lwardoli	Stafford	DRM	
27	Molly Mann	WATSFORD	USAA	
28	Pauline Moore	MANCHESTER	Eco Dev. Town	—
29	Stanley Mack	Grafton	Select board	
30	Jeff Cavagnio	Stratton	Stratton Mtn	USAA
31	LINDA McGINNIS	DORSET	RETIRED	NEIGHBOR
32	JIM SULLIVAN	BCRC	Planner	
33	Greg Meulemans	Jamaica	Selfemployed/S	VNRC
34	Frank Powatt	Dorset	Civil Engineer	Facebook
35	Janet Hurley	Town of Manchester	Planning Director	
36	Jon Groverman	VNRC	Attorney	work
37	Laura Sibilis	State Rep/DORSET	Planning	legislator
38	Paul Berry	Manchester	Artist	VNRC

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Commission members present

Rep. David Deen
Sen. Brian Campion

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Donna Barlow Casey, NRB
Peg Elmer Hough, VPA
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Peter Gregory, VAPDA
Kate McCarthy, VNRC

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel

Others present

Paul Dickin, Olivia Machanic, and Scout Precourt, all of Cope and Associates
Greg Boulbol and Evan Meenan, NRB
Please see attached sign-in sheets for additional attendees

The public engagement forum consisted of the following components:

- Rep. Deen welcomed the attendees.
- Rep. Sheldon overviewed the Commission and the tasks assigned to it.
- Mr. Boulbol, General Counsel of the Natural Resources Board (NRB), discussed Act 250 and provided data on the application process.
- Rep. Deen presented on the purpose of the forum and on the background of Act 250.
- Ms. Casey, Executive Director of the NRB, provided further explanation of the Act 250 process and discussed resources available to the public on that process.

- Mr. Dickin explained the facilitation tool used by his firm, called the “Big Deal.”
- Facilitators led groups of forum participants in engagement on Act 250 using that tool.
- After completing the use of the tool and a short survey, Rep. Sheldon spoke on how the Commission will move forward and on additional opportunities for public input, including the ability to submit comments through e-mail and to complete an online survey that will be posted shortly. Ms. Precourt then overviewed the data submitted by the groups of participants.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler
Legislative Counsel

enc.
(sign-in sheets)

South Royalton ACT 250 Forum

Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

	NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
1	Jacqueline K Cole	Northfield, VT	Ops Mgr.	Internet
2	Jean Allen	S. Randolph	conservation	newspaper
3	Graham Urangst-Rienack	Plainfield (Calais)	Farmer/Rural VT	Email
4	TIMOTHY O'DELL	CORINTH, VT	RET/RORC REP.	LIST-SERV
5	ANGELA LABRADOR	BARRE VT	HERITAGE	ACT 250 comm website
6	John Demerille	Royalton, VT	Retiree	Valley News etc
7	Alison Clarkson	Woodstock VT	legislator	
8	David BRANDON	Royalton VT	horticulturist	BALC.
9	Gerry Tarrant	Montpelier	attorney	—
10	Perry Armstrong	Randolph	self-employed	
11	Lindy Biggs	E. Mont	Retired Prof	VNRC
12	John Muzzocco	Randolph Center VT	Retired (from State gov)	Agreements
13	Neil Corant	Randolph Ctn VT	Mechanic Self-employed	VAST
14	Donna Foster	Sharon	conservation	FB
15	Kate Longfield	Burlington	Student	Toxics Action Center
16	Michael Sherman	Montpelier	citizen	Email.
17	Nana Shoma	" "	" "	msherman44@gmail.com
18	Clare Rock	Montpelier	land use planner	internet/email
19	Lynn Dohi	WRJ	retired	email

South Royalton ACT 250 Forum

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	NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
20	Kathy Leonard	Randolph Ctr	ret.	—
21	Jim Reiter	Bethel	Ski Area Manager	USAA
22	Gidget Lyman	Royalton	Bo	Facebook
23	Peter Condorey	Montpelier	Forester	media
24	MARK A. MACDONALD	Williamstown	State Senator / FARMER	email
25	JOHN BRABANT	Colais	Environmental Activist	Media
26	Johann Spurrman	East Randolph	VETERANS	VTC - VAST
27	JAMES CARROLL	Montpelier	LCC	email
28	Elizabeth Lord	Randolph		
29	Giovanna Peebles	Montpelier	Retired P	VT Digger / friend
30	David Moulton	Whitingham	Director	USAA
31	Lance Whetman	Randolph	student	BALE
32	David Albrecht	Royalton	Farmer / Legislator	Valley News
33	Stuart Lavasseur	Royalton	State	FB
34	Michael Saca	Tunbridge	generalist	VNRC
35	Warren Coleman	E. Colais	Attorney	Web
36	Ed Larsen	Montpelier	Consul. Forester	Web
37	Kat McCarthy	Montpelier	Land Use Planner	VNRC
38	Phil Hussman	Waitsfield	Policy Director	VNRC
39	Avron Adler	Brookfield	Leg. Council	Vt. GA.

South Royalton ACT 250 Forum

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	NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
40	CHRISTI BOLLMAN	Bethel / Pittsfield VT	firewood	VFPA
41	MULLY MALLAR	WATERBURY VT	VSAA	
42	JOE GREENZ	WATERBURY	APRENTICE	CUT SA
43	Geo Horigford	Royalton	Farmer	media
44	Rob Apple	Montpelier	Planner	note
45	Stephanie Smith		SOV	
46	NATALIE STARR	WEST WINDSOR	ENV. CONSULTANT AG/UVTA	E-mail
47	Emily Ballou	S. Royalton	student/reporter	Herald of Randolph (email)
48	Dee Gish	Sharon	finance mgr	TRORC
49	Beth Gilpin	Waterbury	Consultant	friend / email
50	Peg Elmer Hough	Cabot	retired	VFA
51	Joan Goldstein	Royalton	Commis[unclear]	
52	Jessica Powers	Royalton	?	invited by someone
53	Wick CHARK	SHARON	Renewable Energy	Online
54	Lauren Patters	Randolph Center	Plumber/Farmer	Word of Mouth
55	Dave Wilcox	Berlin	Forester	Word of Mouth
56	Sam Lincoln	Randolph Ctr	Bureaucrat	word of mouth
57	Otto Pierce	Stockbridge	Director Non Profit	online
58	Jessica Lee	Stockbridge	manager non profit	Online - BALE newsletter



STATE OF VERMONT
General Assembly
Commission on Act 250:
the Next 50 Years

MINUTES – Aug. 22, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Rep. Paul Lefebvre convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at approximately 6:10 p.m. at the American Legion post in Island Pond, Vermont. The Commission conducted a public engagement forum.

Commission members present

Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Chris Pearson, Vice-Chair

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Chris Cochran, ACCD
Jon Groveman, VNRC
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Billy Coster, ANR
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel

Others present

Paula Cope and Olivia Machanic, both of Cope and Associates
Donna Barlow Casey and Greg Boulbol, NRB
Please see attached sign-in sheets for additional attendees

The public engagement forum consisted of the following components:

- Rep. Lefebvre welcomed the attendees, overviewed the Commission and the tasks assigned to it, and presented on the forum's purpose and on the background of Act 250.
- Ms. Casey, Executive Director of the Natural Resources Board (NRB), provided information on the Act 250 program and how the application process works.
- Mr. Boulbol, General Counsel of the NRB, discussed Act 250 jurisdiction and provided statistics on the permitting process.
- Ms. Cope explained the facilitation tool used by her firm, called the "Big Deal."
- Facilitators led groups of forum participants in engagement on Act 250 using that tool.

- After completing the use of the tool and a short survey, Chair Snelling addressed the attendees, stating that the NRB is currently engaged in making procedural changes to the application process. Mr. Boulbol and Aaron Adler, Counsel to the Commission, then answered written questions.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler
Legislative Counsel

enc.
(sign-in sheets)

Island Pond ACT 250 Forum

Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Bruce Shields	Eden	retired forestland	E-mail
STEVEN BEANE	Concord	RETIRED CONTRACTOR	VASA MEETING
Joseph Gresser	The Church	reporter	
Phyllis Parrott	Westmore	Retired	
EUGENE REID	CANAAN	TEACHER	
Kirsten Sultan	Act 250 staff		kirsten.sultan@vermont.gov
Audrey Reid	Canaan	Instructor	
Chris Fife	Weyerhaeuser (many towns)	Forester/Public Affairs	VFPA
JANEY FIDEL	VHIZL	FOREST PROGRAM DIRECTOR	WEB
Craig Nolan	Axeville - VTG	retired	
MICHAEL BOYLEN	NEWARK #1 Man (Good)	RETIRED	NEWSPAPER
Judy Valente	Island Pond	Retired Army	VAST
Chuck + Sue Pundell	Island Pond	Retire	Vast
Ed Barber	Derby	reporter Npt Daily Express	newspaper
JOHN BRABANT	Calais	Selectman	
Aaron Adler	Brookfield	Legislative Counsel	Commissioner's office
SANDY REIDER	Newark	MD	VCR
Susan Hanus	Lyndon	Small Biz	E-mail
D. JEFFREY MOONEY	ISLAND POND	BUSINESS OWNER	VAST - FRIENDS

Island Pond ACT 250 Forum
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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
WALT PROCOPIO	NEWARK	RETIRED	VAST MAGAZINE
Joe Erwin	Derby	Intern/stand	NETV
Bill D. Cael.	JAY	Retired	VAST
Kathy D. Carlo	JAY	"	VAST
Gary Ming	IP	"	
Phyllis Ming	IP	"	
Dan Keenan	Norton	att	e-mail
Marty Felton	Lyndon	legislator	newspaper
Larry Dwyer	Orleans	retired	VAST -
Raymond Poiroux	Conway	retired	VAST -
Phil Adams	I.P.	RETIRED	CHRONICLE
Al Kinney	I.P.	"	"
Rest Buzz	Lyndon	Self employed	NEWSPAPER
Tim Hall	WESTMORE	TECH	FRIENDS
GARY NOLAN	MORRISVILLE	H.A. MAZUR STATE REP	
Colleen Goodridge	Albany	Goodridge Lbr Inc	Vermont Forest Products Assoc.
Mark Goodridge	Albany	Goodridge Lbr Inc	Vermont Forest Products
MARK Higley	LOWELL	BUILDER	Log
Ed Larsen	Montpelier	Cns. Forester	VSPA

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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Jim Nickerson	Barton	Retired	Internet
Barb Nolan	UTG	Retired	internet
CLAIRE VAN VLIET	NEWARK	SELF EMPLOYED	CHRONICLE
Jean Haigh	Craftsbury	Consul tax +	paper
Abby Long	East Burke	Executive Director	Kingdom Trails/VTRC
Nancy Hette	Newark	photographer	email
Robert Kennedy	Westmore	Retired	Internet
Gabe + Peg Muraca	Island Pond	Retired	email
Steven Gorchick	Walden	non-profit dir.	email
SUZANNA JONES	Walden	farm	friend
Joel Cope	Brighton	Admin	newspaper
Morena WARD	Canaan	self	NVDA EMAIL
Ron Dunsford	Westmore	Retired	FRAN'S
Luke O'Brien	Newark	VT FPR	email.
Gwelle Chevallay	Newark	cook	friend + chronicle etc

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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Brad Durrell	Holland	Retired	medit
PETER BOWLETT	Westmore	"	"
Claudia York	Westmore	Retired	Newspaper
Ed York	"	N/A	news paper
Steve Larrabee	W-Danville		
Bruce Carlson	Newark	Retired	Internet
STACEY ROESE	ISLAND POND	RETIRED - VOLUNTEER	"
PAUL BROUHA	SUTTON	VOLUNTEER	INTERNET
John Rodgers	Glover	Senator	Internet
Cindy Locke	NEK	VAST ED	1
KEN GAMMELL	NEK	VAST DIRECTOR	GOVERNOR COUNSEL
David Snedeker	Barton	Planning Director	Act 250 / MRB
Noreen Hession	Newark	Retired ☺	
MARK WHITWORTH	NEWARK	Retired	
DANNY WAGE	Hardwick	VASA ED	VASA
JAMMY ROLFE	Hardwick	Mgr	VASA
Ernest Deana Wright	Derby	Logger	Goodridge Lumber
LINWOOD MIXER	MAIDSTONE	SNOWMOBILER	CT VALLEY SNOW-RIDERS
DALE COVEY	ESSEX CO.	FORESTER	WEYERHAEUSER Co.

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STATE OF VERMONT
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Commission on Act 250:
the Next 50 Years

MINUTES – Sep. 5, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Chair Rep. Amy Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at approximately 6:10 p.m. at the Franklin Conference Center in Rutland, Vermont. The Commission conducted a public engagement forum.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Brian Campion

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Peter Gregory, VAPDA
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Brett Long, ACCD

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel

Others present

Paul Dickin, Olivia Machanic and Scout Precourt, all of Cope and Associates
Donna Barlow Casey and Greg Boulbol, NRB
Please see attached sign-in sheets for additional attendees

The public engagement forum consisted of the following components:

- Chair Rep. Sheldon welcomed the attendees, overviewed the Commission and the tasks assigned to it, and presented on the forum's purpose and on the background of Act 250.
- Ms. Snelling, Chair of the Natural Resources Board (NRB), provided statistics on the application process and spoke broadly on feedback the NRB has received from participants in the process and procedural changes on which the NRB is working.
- Ms. Casey, Executive Director of the NRB, provided information on the Act 250 program and how the application process works.
- Mr. Dickin explained the facilitation tool used by his firm, called the "Big Deal."

- Facilitators led groups of forum participants in engagement on Act 250 using that tool.
- After completing the use of the tool and a short survey, Rep. Sheldon addressed the attendees, encouraging them to remain involved in the process through an online survey or e-mailing comments to the Commission, or both, and to follow the Commission's progress through the available avenues on the web.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler
Legislative Counsel

enc.
(sign-in sheets)

Rutland ACT 250 Forum
Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
GARY JOSEPH	LUNLOW		PAPER
Scott Carren	Shrewsbury	retired	email
JURATEY ZIFF	RUTLAND TOWN	"	"
MARC OLDEN BURKE	" "	"	"
Beth Maser-Duquette	W. Pawlet	Farm/Edu.	Newspaper Mtn Times.
Janne Hadzick	W. Pawlet		Mtn Times
RAYMOND R. DUQUETTE, SR	W. PAWLET	FARMER PRES - RUTLAND CO. FARM BUREAU	PAPER
ED LARSON	RUTLAND CITY	Retired	ONLINE
Don Marsh	Montpelier	Engineer	C. S.
Terry Williams	Poultney	Retired	internet
YOUNG WOODHEAD	TRUPOUND	"	"
DAVID Fucci	N. CHARLTON	SELF EMPLOYED	JUST
Jen Wall Howard	Rutfield VT	Admin teacher	?
Mary Cohen	Rutland	Chamber Director	email
BRIAN COLLAMORE	VT SENATE		legislative email
BILL BURKE	RUT CITY	ACT 250 COORD	—
Allan Sullivan	Dorset		
CHARLIE KIMBLE	WOODSTOCK	RETIRED - LEGISLATOR	LEGISLATOR
Amelie Smith	Dorset	ED/VICE	

Rutland ACT 250 Forum
 Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
CHRISTI BOLLMAN	Bethel	General Mgr.	Email
Larry Cupoli	Rutland City	State legislator	Cupoli vs Comcast. net
Dennis Carroll	Rutland	OMYA EHS	
Kirsten Erickson	Rutland	Permit Compliance	Kerickson@Killington.com
Rula Moradi	Pittsford	retired	
Mary Lou Miraldi	"	"	
Peter Gregory	TRORC	Regional Planner	
JEFF BIASUZZI	WALTONFORD	ZONING ADMIN	EMAIL
Mary Howard	Rutland City	State legislator	JM1417@comcast.net
MERRITT BUNDY	W. RUTLAND	SALES	EMAIL
Evan Johnson	Brandon	Journalist	press release
Roy Archer	Shrewsbury	Manager	VAST
Steve Selbo	Killington	R.E. Development	REDC
Tina Berge	Ludlow	Manager	VAST
Joseph Berge	Ludlow		VAST
Saké Reed	Clarendon	ENV. Spec.	facebook
BRET LARK	QUECHEE	State of VT	
LINDA MCGINNIS	DORSET	—	l.t.mcginnis@hotmail.com
Wagner Flavelly	Rutland Pittsford	Retired	email

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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Tim Follensho	VELCO	Env. Manager Manager	Email
Jeff Tople	KPSRP	SKI RESORT	Email
Jean Audely	Vermont Horse Council / Board	Horse owner.	Vermont Horse Council
Patty Burt	Chittenden	Ret.	Neighbor
Patrick May	"	"	"
Pattie McCoy	Portney	Legislator	
Lisa Purcell	Chittenden	nonprof admin	email
Jerry Hansen	Rutland	Retired	RREC / REDE
Scott Briley	Rutland	Sales	David Fucci VAST
Bair Enman	R. Hart	Engineer	Act-250 since 1973
Judy Kavanagh	Proctor	Business owner ³⁴⁸	Chamber
CHRIS STADLER	MERRIM	RREC	"
Kathy Hall	Chittenden	ret. teacher	newspaper
Curtis Monchaux	MT HOPE	Carpenter	VAST
Andrew McMillan	Rutland Town	Environmental Specialist	work
Rebecca Stone	Bethel	Consultant	State net works
Ted Reeves	Skono	Development	trucks @ skono.com
MARK WINSLOW	PITSFORD	SACCS/FARMER	mark@papillon-sg.com

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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Zacchary Mancano	CHARLOTTE, VT	ATTORNEY	ONLINE / NEWS
Chengyu Liu	Rutland, VT	law student	friend
Tyler Richardson	Rutland County	ED REDC	.
Dorie Fagan	Rutland VT	RN	Husband
Pia Jackson	"	Legislator	
MARIA LACY	PAULTON	ENGINEER	FRIEND
Ann Vanneman	Shrewsbury VT	Teacher	email
Cecelia Burr	Rutland	SOC. SERVICES	friend



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Commission on Act 250:
the Next 50 Years

MINUTES – Sep. 12, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Vice Chair Sen. Chris Pearson convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at approximately 6:05 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Burlington, Vermont. The Commission conducted a public engagement forum.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon

Sen. Chris Pearson

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Billy Coster, ANR
Sharon Murray, VPA
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Karen Horn, VLCT
Ernie Pomerleau, Pomerleau Real Estate

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel

Others present

Paula Cope, Olivia Machanic and Scout Precourt, all of Cope and Associates
Donna Barlow Casey, Greg Boulbol, and Evan Meenan, NRB
Please see attached sign-in sheets for additional attendees

The public engagement forum consisted of the following components:

- Vice-Chair Sen. Pearson welcomed the attendees, overviewed the Commission and the tasks assigned to it, and presented on the forum's purpose and on the background of Act 250. He discussed the availability of an on-line survey and an e-mail address for submitting comments to the Commission.
- Ms. Snelling, Chair of the Natural Resources Board (NRB), provided data on the application process and spoke broadly on feedback the NRB has received from participants in the process and procedural changes on which the NRB is working.

- Ms. Casey, Executive Director of the NRB, provided information on the Act 250 program and how the application process works.
- Mr. Dickin explained the facilitation tool used by his firm, called the “Big Deal.”
- Facilitators led groups of forum participants in engagement on Act 250 using that tool.
- After completing the use of the tool and a short survey, Sen. Pearson answered questions from the participants. Ms. Cope reiterated the availability of the on-line survey.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler
Legislative Counsel

enc.
(sign-in sheets)

Burlington ACT 250 Forum
 Welcome! PLEASE SIGN IN!

NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Arlette Noll	B. TON		FPF
Wolfgang Schneider	Charlotte	Retired	
Dr. Clinton Richard	Colchester	vet. veterinarian	Local TOWN OFFICES
Peter Silberman	HALIFAX	ENGR	ON LINE
Greg Tetru	Johnson	const.	Friends
Andre Morgante	Hinesburg	landscaper	VTVRL
PETER KEE	"	Planner	FPF
Emily Nose Leirer	CERRILL	Planner	VPA listserve
Pam Lyman	Colchester	Property Mgt	Planning Commission
Ernie Jamer (SAL)	Burlington	Real Estate	Advisor
Jito Coleman	WARREN	ENGINEER	VNRC
William D Moore	Montpelier	President	Central VT Chamber
Kathy Beyer	Hinesburg	RIZ Dev	email
Jan Hoilan	Montpelier		news
JACOB HEMMERICK	COLCHESTER	PLANNER	EMAIL
Barbara Headrick	Burlington	retired	Act 250 office District 4
BRAD AUZECH	STARSBURG	ENGINEER	ball NRB
Sarah van Ryckevoesel	Winooski	Archaeologist	Vermont Archeological Society
Harry Forcier	Burlington	retired	VNRC

Burlington ACT 250 Forum
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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Bobbi Rooney	Hyde Park / Johnson	Community Servant	VAST / hand in Act 250
Zachary Mayo	Cambridge/Waterbury	Candidate Mol.	FACEBOOK
Ben Avery	Williston VT	Developer	State
Rachel Lemerace	Winooski, VT	NRB Coordinator	state
Marty Lind	Charlotte VT	NRB	state
JOEL BAIRD	Burlington	Burlington Free Press	- press release
Michael Yantachka	Charlotte VT	State Rep	email
CHRIS ROY	WILLISTON	ATTY	CRPC
Curt Carter	Jericho	ECON DEV.	email
DANIEL POULIN	BURLINGTON	ENGINEER	STATE
Beth Humstone	Charlotte	Planner	email
Sharon Murray	Bolton	Planner	email
Cathy Davis	Jericho	Chamber	email
Manzo Ucedo	Warrten	Planner	email
Jim Westhelle	FAYSTON	DEVL	EMAIL
Art Fussman	Burlington	ENGINEER	LED WEBSITE
Chris Motter	Colchester	Businessman	Gov't
Josh Donabedian	Burlington	Nat'l Resour. Board ←	
R. P. Jim McCullough	W. Ferris	Congress	

Burlington ACT 250 Forum
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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Jean Kiedbusch	Thuesburg	retired	VNRC
John Killack	So BTV	retired	
Rev Sister Lawrien Seiber	Berlin, Waitfield	Priest	VNRC
Amy Dambrowski	So BTV	non-profit dev.	
Ash Rockland-Miller	BURLI	AAFM	AAFM / NPB
Maria Townsend	S Burlington	legislator	email from Diane Sella
Meagan Tuttle	Burlington	Planner	VPA
ERIC VOLWILD	WINOOSKI	PLANNER	VPA
Ken McGrawley	Burlington	Retired	UNRC
Rosy Metcalf	Shelburne	Programs Director	Fellowship of the Wheel / VM BA
Karen Horn	Moretown	advocate	VLCT
Ginny Lyas	Williston	Vt Senate	Various sources
Kristi Berline	Winoski	Student	VAS
Eric Dodge	Morrisville	law Enforcement	
Ann Tugel	S. B.	STATE REP	
Aaron Adler	Brookfield	lawyer	Legislative Commission
CHARLE BAKER	CCRAC	Planner	"
Clare Wool	Burlington	BSD Board	Carol Ode

Burlington ACT 250 Forum
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NAME	COMMUNITY/TOWN/VILLAGE	OCCUPATION	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?
Tom Wyckoff	Jeffersville	Developer	Friends
Bruce Post	ESSEX	ENV. HISTORICAL	
Warren Coleman	Colaus	Attly	
Matt McMahon	ESSEX	Civil Affairs	
Catherine Goldsmith	Hinesburg	Librarian	Chris Pearson
William McHenry	Burlington/Coldchester	Property manager	Town of Coldchester
Trevor Russell	Colchester	Gen Affair	Friends
Jake Smith	Colchester	Un prof	VPR
Chris Yandow	So. Burlington	Construction	Colleague
Doug Grandt	Putney	retired	email
Joy McBarney	Burlington	"	husband
Stephanie Comoy	Montpelier	VNRC →	
Carol Ode	Burling	State Rep.	Burling
Tom Torg	Burl	Chancellor	
Darlene Pulok	Huntington	Retired	VNRC



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MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2018 (CORRECTED)

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair	Rep. David Deen
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair	Rep. Paul Lefebvre
Sen. Brian Campion	Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Chris Cochran, ACCD	Billy Coster, ANR
Dan Dutcher, AOT	Sharon Murray, VPA
Brian Shupe, VNRC	Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB
Gerry Tarrant, VBA	

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel	Michael O'Grady, Dep. Director, Legal
Ellen Czajkowski, Law Clerk	Mike Ferrant, Dep. Director for Operations

Others present

Paul Dickin, Cope and Associates	Donna Barlow Casey, NRB
Greg Boulbol, NRB	Elizabeth Humstone, Humstone Assoc.
Sam Lincoln, Dep. Commissioner, DFW	Cindy Locke, VAST
Diane Snelling, NRB	Michael Snyder, Commissioner, DFW

Mr. Dickin of Cope and Associates presented the draft community input report to the Commission and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed an issue related to identifying information that may be present in e-mails and written comments submitted to the Commission. Mr. O'Grady attended briefly to testify on this issue. The Commission indicated that, when its report is submitted, it would like to redact contact information in the e-

mails and written comments such as e-mail addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers.

Mr. Adler reviewed a draft structural outline of the Commission's report and the results of research into land use regulation in other jurisdictions. He answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Snelling and Messrs. Boulbol and Coster testified on the issue of Act 250 jurisdiction over trails and the working group report related to that issue submitted pursuant to 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 3. They answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Snelling, Deputy Commissioner Lincoln, and Mr. Boulbol testified on the issue of Act 250 permit conditions for forest processing operations raised by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 7, and answered questions from the Commission.

Mr. Boulbol will follow up by sending the Commission statistics cited in his presentations on trails and forest processing operations.

Ms. Humstone, an urban planner and principal at Humstone Associates, testified on the development in the 1970s of Act 250's capability and development plan. Ms. Humstone formerly worked for the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the State Planning Office.

Mr. Dutcher requested that the Commission allot time at its October 26 meeting to hear testimony from the Agency of Transportation.

Ms. Locke testified on costs relating to disputing Act 250 jurisdiction over trails operated by the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers and to obtaining permits when required.

Ms. Murray and Mr. Shupe stated that they sought to testify at the October 26 meeting.

The Commission discussed scheduling future meetings after October 26. The scheduling will be completed through a Doodle poll.

The Commission then reviewed the issues itemized in the structural outline and discussed whether additional information was needed on these items. It made requests of staff and advisors relative to information needed and potential future testimony.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, October 26, 2018, at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair	Rep. David Deen
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair	Rep. Paul Lefebvre
Sen. Brian Campion	Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

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Dan Dutcher, AOT	Sharon Murray, VPA
Brian Shupe, VNRC	Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel	Faith Brown, Committee Assistant
Ellen Czajkowski, Law Clerk	

Others present

John Adams, ADS	Jamey Fidel, VNRC
Kate McCarthy, VNRC	Bruce Post
Peter Walke, Deputy Secretary, ANR	

Mr. Adler reviewed the findings made by the General Assembly in 1970 when it passed Act 250, the findings from 1973 that form the Capability and Development Plan, and the Act 250 criteria.

Mr. Adams presented data related to Vermont's settlement patterns.

Mr. Shupe spoke on issues related to Vermont's settlement patterns and Act 250.

Mr. Post testified on changes to the land over time and the possible inclusion of a criterion related to ecological assessment and protection.

Chair Snelling and Deputy Secretary Walke made recommendations on issues within the Commission's charge.

Ms. Murray presented recommendations from the Vermont Planners Association.

Mr. Adler reviewed draft language for the committee's report related to factual and statutory background on the settlement patterns issue.

Chair Rep. Sheldon requested that all advisors submit their recommendations by the Commission's next meeting, scheduled for November 8, 2018.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Rep. David Deen
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Greg Boulbol, NRB
Billy Coster, ANR
Peter Gregory, VAPDA
Brian Shupe, VNRC
Abbey Willard, AAFM

Chris Cochran, ACCD
Dan Dutcher, AOT
Sharon Murray, VPA
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel
Ellen Czajkowski, Law Clerk

Faith Brown, Committee Assistant

Others present

Michelle Boomhower, AOT
Rene Carpenter, Friends of Coburn Rd.
Jamey Fidel, VNRC
Sam Lincoln, Dep. Commissioner, DFW
Ari Rockland-Miller, AAFM
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, DFW
Peter Walke, Dep. Secretary, ANR

Ted Brady, Dep. Secretary, ACCD
John Dunleavy, AOT
Jackie Folsom
Ryan Patch, AAFM
Joe Segale, AOT
Eric Sorenson, DFW

Mr. Sorenson testified on the development of and principles behind the Vermont Conservation Design.

Mr. Adler reviewed the law on the Act 250's supervisory authority over ancillary permits and approvals and presumptions created by those permits and approvals.

Mr. Shupe presented recommendations from the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

Deputy Secretary Brady testified on a proposal regarding industrial parks in response to 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 22,

Commissioner Snyder and Deputy Commissioner Lincoln presented on issues related to forest processing operations and Act 250 jurisdiction.

Commissioner Snyder and Mr. Boulbol testified concerning Act 250 jurisdiction over recreational trails.

Ms. Boomhower, and Messrs. Dunleavy, Dutcher, Robie, and Segale requested that the Commission recommend an Act 250 exception for transportation projects that receive federal assistance.

Ms. Carpenter testified concerning the broad and comprehensive review she believed Act 250 provided of a transportation project that affected the area in which she resides.

Ms. Willard and Mr. Rockland-Miller presented a proposal that Act 250 exempt accessory on-farm businesses.

Mr. Cochran testified on the State designation program.

Ms. Folsom testified on the role of Act 250 in addressing issues related to a transportation project in the area of her farm.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, November 16, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Brian Campion (by phone)
Sen. Richard McCormack

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Bothfeld, Dep. Secretary, AAFM
Billy Coster, ANR (by phone)
Dan Dutcher, AOT
Sharon Murray, VPA
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Chris Cochran, ACCD
Elizabeth Courtney
Jamey Fidel, VNRC
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel
Ellen Czajkowski, Law Clerk

Faith Brown, Committee Assistant

Others present

Greg Boulbol, NRB

Evan Meenan, NRB

Ms. Czajkowski testified on the various exemptions to Act 250 jurisdiction. The Commission discussed the exemptions and asked staff to include information from the discussion in the draft report. During the Commission's discussion, it heard from various advisors and other persons present, including Mr. Adler, Deputy Secretary Bothfeld, Mr. Boulbol, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Coster, Mr. Meenan, Ms. Murray, Chair Snelling, and Mr. Tarrant. The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the experimental procedures and the statistical tools employed.

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MINUTES – NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, November 30, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Brian Campion

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

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Joe Segale, AOT
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Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel
Ellen Czajkowski, Law Clerk

Faith Brown, Committee Assistant
Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst

Others present

John Brabant, VCE
Jamey Fidel, VNRC
Peter Walke, Dep. Secretary, ANR

Stephanie Kaplan
Evan Meenan, NRB

Mr. Dickerson testified on the status of the statistical analysis called for in Act 47 and issues regarding the permit processing data received. He answered questions and sought feedback from the Commission.

The Commission discussed tasks assigned to it by Act 47, including revising jurisdiction to achieve the goals of Act 250, protecting important natural resources, addressing forest fragmentation, promoting a settlement patten of compact centers surrounded by rural countryside, amending the Capability and Development Plan and the Act to address climate change, improving the nexus between Act 250 and municipal and regional planning and related statutory

goals, and amending Act 250 jurisdiction with respect to energy facilities generally or on ridgelines in particular.

During the Commission's discussion, it heard from various advisors, staff members, and other persons present.

The Commission also provided an opportunity for public comments. Mr. Brabant and Ms. Kaplan testified.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES – DECEMBER 7, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Bothfeld, Dep. Secretary, AAFM
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Dan Dutcher, AOT
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Ernie Pomerleau
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Elizabeth Courtney
Peg Elmer-Hough, VPA
Jon Groveman, VNRC
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

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Faith Brown, Committee Assistant

Others present

John Brabant, VCE
Donna Barlow Casey, NRB
Jamey Fidel, VNRC
Evan Meenan, NRB
Randy Richardson, Vt. Trails & Greenways

Greg Boulbol, NRB
Brooke Dingleline
Cindy Locke, Exec. Director, VAST
Bruce Post
Annette Smith, VCE

Messrs. Fidel and Richardson and Ms. Locke testified on the issue of land use regulation of recreational trails and the status of ongoing discussions among their organization.

Ms. Smith presented recommendations to the Commission, including recommendations for public engagement prior to the filing of an application and for a land use panel to review for energy facility siting.

The Commission discussed tasks assigned to it by Act 47, including recreational trails, the process before the District Commissions, the structure of the Natural Resources Board, the interface between Act 250 and other permit processes and approvals, appeals, siting review of electric generation facilities, and forest products processing. The Commission also discussed requests received with respect to federally-assisted transportation projects and rural industrial parks.

During the Commission's discussion, it heard from various advisors, staff members, and other persons present.

The Commission also provided an opportunity for public comments. During this period, Ms. Smith provided additional testimony, and Mr. Post and Ms. Dingleline also testified.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Brian Campion
Sen. Richard McCormack

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Bothfeld, Dep. Secretary, AAFM
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Staff present

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Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst

Others present

John Brabant, VCE
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Stephanie Kaplan
Evan Meenan, NRB
Peter Walke, Dep. Secretary, ANR

Greg Boulbol, NRB
Peg Elmer-Hough, VPA
Jon Groveman, VNRC
Ari Rockland-Miller, AAFM
Ryan Patch, AAFM

The Commission reviewed and discussed its draft report and provided direction on changes to the report. Among the changes it directed to the report were revisions to the proposal to add a climate change criterion to Act 250 and to affirmatively state a recommendation for an administrative board to hear Act 250 appeals, along with administering the Act 250 program and hearing appeals from the Agency of Natural Resources.

During the Commission's discussion, it heard from various advisors, staff members, and other persons present, and provided an opportunity for public comments. Among the persons who testified were Mr. Coster, Mr. Dickerson, Ms. Kaplan, Mr. Patch, Mr. Rockland-Miller, and Mr. Tarrant.

On motion of Sen. Pearson, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the draft report with the changes it had requested during the meeting and pending review of those changes.

The Commission determined to schedule an additional meeting on January 4, 2019. It adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2019

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, January 4, 2019, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair	Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. David Deen	Sen. Brian Campion
Rep. Paul Lefebvre	Sen. Richard McCormack (by phone)

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Gerry Tarrant, VBA	Billy Coster, ANR
Chris Cochran, ACCD	Elizabeth Courtney
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB	Peg Elmer-Hough, VPA
Jamey Fidel, VNRC	

Staff present

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel	Faith Brown, Committee Assistant
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Others present

John Brabant, VCE	Greg Boulbol, NRB
Aaron Brondyke, NRB	Jared Carpenter,
Evan Meenan, NRB	Neil Kamman, ANR
Sandy Levine, CLF	Randy Richardson, Vt. Trails & Greenways
Ari Rockland-Miller, AAFM	Patricia Gabel, Supreme Court of VT
Jim Oliver	Kate McCarthy, VNRC
Bruce Post	Thomas Weiss

The Commission reviewed and discussed its draft report. Ms. Czajkowski presented the changes from the last draft of the report.

Messrs. Coster and Kamman recommended the Commission change the language regarding impaired waters of the State. The Commission discussed the language and its citations and decided not to change it.

Mr. Fidel recommended language be added to clarify that forestland parcels had not been “lost,” but converted to other uses. The Commission accepted this recommendation.

The Commission discussed the proposed legislation that will be Appendix 4 of the report. During the Commission’s discussion, it heard from various advisors, staff members, and other persons present. The Commission decided that the new administrative board shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Mr. Boubol suggested clarifying the language regarding the burden of persuasion. The Commission accepted this language.

The Commission also provided an opportunity for public comments. During this period, Mr. Weiss suggested language be added to the draft legislation that would allow the Natural Resources Board to assign personnel to monitor compliance of permit conditions. The Commission accepted the suggestion. Ms. Elmer-Hough recommended amending some of the language in the draft legislation. Ms. Gabel testified on the Performance Standards of the Environmental Division of the Superior Court and presented graphs illustrating that information. The Commission decided to add this information as an appendix to the report.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel