



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

MINUTES – July 25, 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, July 25, 2018, at approximately 6:20 p.m. at Vermont Law School's Chase Community Center in South Royalton, Vermont. The Commission conducted a public engagement forum.

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,

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(sign-in sheets)