



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

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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

Karen Horn, VLCT

Sharon Murray, VPA

Ernie Pomerleau, Pomerleau Real Estate

Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

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,

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(sign-in sheets)