



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,

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(sign-in sheets)