



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
General Assembly  
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,

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(sign-in sheets)