



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

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

Chris Cochran, ACCD	Billy Coster, ANR
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.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler
Legislative Counsel