



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

**MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 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 Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair  
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Rep. David Deen  
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Greg Boulbol, NRB  
Billy Coster, ANR  
Peter Gregory, VAPDA  
Brian Shupe, VNRC  
Abbey Willard, AAFM

Chris Cochran, ACCD  
Dan Dutcher, AOT  
Sharon Murray, VPA  
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel  
Ellen Czajkowski, Law Clerk

Faith Brown, Committee Assistant

Others present

Michelle Boomhower, AOT  
Rene Carpenter, Friends of Coburn Rd.  
Jamey Fidel, VNRC  
Sam Lincoln, Dep. Commissioner, DFW  
Ari Rockland-Miller, AAFM  
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, DFW  
Peter Walke, Dep. Secretary, ANR

Ted Brady, Dep. Secretary, ACCD  
John Dunleavy, AOT  
Jackie Folsom  
Ryan Patch, AAFM  
Joe Segale, AOT  
Eric Sorenson, DFW

Mr. Sorenson testified on the development of and principles behind the Vermont Conservation Design.

Mr. Adler reviewed the law on the Act 250's supervisory authority over ancillary permits and approvals and presumptions created by those permits and approvals.

Mr. Shupe presented recommendations from the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

Deputy Secretary Brady testified on a proposal regarding industrial parks in response to 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 22,

Commissioner Snyder and Deputy Commissioner Lincoln presented on issues related to forest processing operations and Act 250 jurisdiction.

Commissioner Snyder and Mr. Boulbol testified concerning Act 250 jurisdiction over recreational trails.

Ms. Boomhower, and Messrs. Dunleavy, Dutcher, Robie, and Segale requested that the Commission recommend an Act 250 exception for transportation projects that receive federal assistance.

Ms. Carpenter testified concerning the broad and comprehensive review she believed Act 250 provided of a transportation project that affected the area in which she resides.

Ms. Willard and Mr. Rockland-Miller presented a proposal that Act 250 exempt accessory on-farm businesses.

Mr. Cochran testified on the State designation program.

Ms. Folsom testified on the role of Act 250 in addressing issues related to a transportation project in the area of her farm.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler  
Legislative Counsel