



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

MINUTES – MAY 18, 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, May 18, 2018, at 10 a.m. in the Ethan Allen Room at the State House in Montpelier. A quorum of the Commission was not physically present. The Commission discussed topics and took no actions.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul Lefebvre

Commission members on phone

Sen. Brian Campion
Rep. David Deen
Sen. Richard McCormack

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

Mike Ferrant, Deputy Director for Operations

Others present

Paul Dickin and Leah Schulz, Cope and Associates
Greg Boulbol, General Counsel, NRB

Mr. Dickin of Cope and Associates walked the Commission through a document regarding the outreach plan for the public engagement process. The Committee's discussion included the following:

- Sen. McCormack recommended that, for each meeting, the agenda be posted online and a press release be issued.
- Sen. Pearson recommended including, under the "Vehicles" heading in the document, legislative leadership, the advisors to the Commission, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and other interested parties.
- The potential involvement of the Governor, including the preparation of a draft letter to invite the Governor's participation.

- The importance of working with regional planning commissions in areas that are not hosting meetings.
- The possible creation of an external website for the public engagement process to which there is a link on the Commission website.
- The preparation of materials for the public engagement process and the role of the subcommittees.

The Commission also discussed scheduling, including the following tentative schedule for the public engagement process:

- 5/25/18 – circulate “kickoff” materials for review, by e-mail
- 6/07/18 – “kickoff” of public engagement process
- 6/15/18 – Commission meeting at State House
- 6/27/18 – first public engagement meeting, in Springfield led by Rep. Deen
- 7/11/18 – second public engagement meeting, in Manchester led by Sen. Campion
- 7/25/18 – third public engagement meeting, in Randolph led by Sen. McCormack
- 8/22/18 – fourth public engagement meeting, in the Northeast Kingdom led by Rep. Lefebvre
- 9/05/18 – fifth public engagement meeting, in Rutland led by Rep. Sheldon
- 9/12/18 – sixth public engagement meeting, in Chittenden County led by Sen. Pearson

The Commission adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ These minutes are prepared based on information received.