



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

MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2018

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Chair Rep. Sheldon convened the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) convened on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair
Sen. Brian Campion
Sen. Richard McCormack

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

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Diane Bothfeld, Dep. Secretary, AAFM
Chris Cochran, ACCD
Dan Dutcher, AOT
Sharon Murray, VPA
Brian Shupe, VNRC
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Billy Coster, ANR
Elizabeth Courtney
Peter Gregory, VAPDA
Ernie Pomerleau
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB

Staff present

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel

Faith Brown, Committee Assistant
Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst

Others present

John Brabant, VCE
Donna Barlow Casey, NRB
Jamey Fidel, VNRC
Stephanie Kaplan
Evan Meenan, NRB
Peter Walke, Dep. Secretary, ANR

Greg Boulbol, NRB
Peg Elmer-Hough, VPA
Jon Groveman, VNRC
Ari Rockland-Miller, AAFM
Ryan Patch, AAFM

The Commission reviewed and discussed its draft report and provided direction on changes to the report. Among the changes it directed to the report were revisions to the proposal to add a climate change criterion to Act 250 and to affirmatively state a recommendation for an administrative board to hear Act 250 appeals, along with administering the Act 250 program and hearing appeals from the Agency of Natural Resources.

During the Commission's discussion, it heard from various advisors, staff members, and other persons present, and provided an opportunity for public comments. Among the persons who testified were Mr. Coster, Mr. Dickerson, Ms. Kaplan, Mr. Patch, Mr. Rockland-Miller, and Mr. Tarrant.

On motion of Sen. Pearson, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the draft report with the changes it had requested during the meeting and pending review of those changes.

The Commission determined to schedule an additional meeting on January 4, 2019. It adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler, Legislative Counsel