



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

**MINUTES – SEP. 20, 2017**

Pursuant to 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 47 (Act 47), Sec. 2(d), the Office of Legislative Council convened a meeting of the Commission on Act 250: the Next 50 Years (Commission) on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Commission members present

Rep. David Deen  
Rep. Paul Lefebvre  
Rep. Amy Sheldon

Sen. Brian Campion  
Sen. Dick McCormack  
Sen. Christopher A. Pearson

Advisors to the Commission or designees of advisors present

Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, ACCD  
Elizabeth Courtney  
Peter Gregory, Two Rivers  
Karen Horn, VLCT  
Tom Little, Chair, District 4 Commission

Julie Moore, Secretary, ANR  
Sharon Murray, VPA  
Diane Snelling, Chair, NRB  
Brian Shupe, VNRC  
Gerry Tarrant, VBA

Staff present

Aaron Adler  
Charlene Dindo

Legislative Counsel  
Committee Assistant

The Commission conducted elections of officers. Sen. Campion nominated Rep. Sheldon to be Chair. On motion of Rep. Deen, the Commission unanimously voted to close the nominations and to elect Rep. Sheldon as Chair. Rep. Sheldon commenced to preside over the meeting.

Sen. Campion nominated Sen. Pearson to be Vice Chair. On motion of Rep. Deen, the Commission unanimously voted to close the nominations and to elect Sen. Pearson as Vice Chair.

The Commission discussed whether to make adjustments to the agenda. On motion of Sen. Pearson, the Commission unanimously voted to adjust the agenda to hear, following a review of its charge, a status report from Natural Resources Board (NRB) Chair Snelling on the work of the Executive Branch working group described in Act 47, Sec. 1(c).

Rep. Sheldon asked if there were any members of the public present who wished to be heard during the public comment portion of the agenda. There were no affirmative responses.

Counsel Adler reviewed the Commission's charge as set forth in Act 47 and answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Snelling provided a status report on the work of the Executive Branch working group described in Act 47, Sec. 1(c) and indicated that the group would be prepared to present to the Commission in October. Chair Snelling also answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed its future process, including implementing the charge; setting up its review of the Act 250 statute, its implementation, and history; and scheduling of future meetings. The Commission requested and heard suggestions from the advisors present, including Ms. Courtney, Mr. Little, Chair Snelling, Mr. Shupe, and Mr. Tarrant.

The Commission set two meeting dates and will work with staff on setting one or more additional dates prior to the 2018 session. The two dates chosen were October 25 and November 15, 2017.

Rep. Sheldon asked again if there were any members of the public present who wished to be heard and received no affirmative responses.

On motion of Sen. Champion, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn.

The next currently scheduled meeting of the Commission is on October 25, 2017, starting at 10:00 A.M. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Adler  
Legislative Counsel