

Thursday, February 10, 2022
REDWnG meeting

Rep. Kimbell introduces meeting as a review of working bills currently.

Rep. Kimbell introduces extraction from Omnibus bill that focuses on accessory on farm businesses.

Rep. Katherine Sims has been involved in Vermont Forest Futures bill – incorporating feedback and testimony. Offers updates from Sen. Bray that Act 250 includes some Omnibus work. Committee members have talked about getting Miscellaneous DMV Bill to Sen. Snyder and get it moving to Transportation committee.

Rep. Laura Sibilila - Municipal Heat bill – it's about the incorporation and access to assessment dollars – community-specific – what do you need in your community to be most sustainable

- Resources must be scaled to the number of towns
- End aims
 - o placing a regional state connection for communities to deal with sustainability
 - o learning how do communities cope with regulations being sent to rural communities
 - o making significant investments in towns

Rep. Sarita Austin – witness in education community spoke about energy efficiency, weatherization, and sustainability in school facilities – Act 72

Rep. Laura Sibilila – Regional Dispatch – this system is on the brink and urgent

- Particularly for rural Vermont after Gwynn Zakov from VLCT that this requires more allocation
- Requires a 5 to 10-year program investment for proper transition – education and training
- Do outreach to other committees and start conversation about starting buzz around bill

Rep. Sibilila asks for someone from Natural Resources to brief about Act 250 presentation

Lack of position for caucus on H.697 that is still in Ways and Means– bill on reserve forestry and use value appraisal – Rep. David Durfee states they're taking testimony and states that the fiscal committee did not meet the ask of \$5.8 M – Rep. Durfee is cryptic and states that bill may need to require a letter for circulation.