



## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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### **NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD MEETING** **Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:00 am**

#### **Board Members present in person or by Microsoft Teams:**

Sabina Haskell, Chair  
Brad Aldrich, Vice Chair  
Andrew Collier, Member

#### **Board Members not present:**

Steve Larabee, Member  
Don Turner, Member

#### **Staff present in person or by Microsoft Teams:**

Rachel Lomonaco, Business Director  
Alison Stone, General Counsel  
Jenny Ronis, Associate General Counsel  
Peter Gill, Executive Director  
Aaron Brondyke, State Coordinator  
Madeline Cotter, Legal Technician  
Michaela Stickney, Enforcement Officer

#### **Members of the Public:**

None

The Vermont Natural Resources Board (NRB) convened at 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams, Chair Sabina Haskell presiding.

#### **I. 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Haskell welcomed Board members and staff.

#### **II. 9:01 a.m. Opportunity for public to comment and agenda and non-agenda items**

Chair Haskell offered the public the opportunity to comment. No members of the public were present. No non-agenda items were raised.

#### **III. 9:02 a.m. Review and action on minutes of July 9, 2024**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 9, 2024, meeting was made by Mr. Aldrich and seconded by Mr. Collier. The members that attended the July 9, 2024, meeting voted as follows.

Andrew Collier - Yes  
Brad Aldrich - Yes



Sabina Haskell - Yes  
Steve Larrabee – absent  
Don Turner – absent

**IV. 9:03 a.m. NRB Office and Budget Update**

The NRB continues working on the transition to the Land Use Review Board. Chair Haskell provided background information on the Land Use Review Board nominating committee, the NRB is not on the nominating committee. The application for Board seats is open until September 16, 2024. Information on the Land Use Review Board nominating committee can be found on the Legislature offices website and on the NRB website.

For information on interim exemptions passed in Act 181 of 2024, we have webpages with information on our website, including an interactive map that displays the different potential exemption areas. In addition to the map, we've created some guidance documents and will continue to update those as necessary.

NRB hired a District Technician for the Rutland office (District 1 & 8) Elaine McDevitt, she started yesterday. Additionally, District 6 has a new commissioner, Brendan Deso. Both will be in Essex for training today.

NRB received FY 2026 budget instructions and will begin budget planning in the next few weeks.

**V. 9:09 a.m. Discussion of appeals, enforcement, and attorney-client memoranda.**

Attorney Stone provided an update on two case settlements since the last board meeting. The NRB has a handful of appeals in front of the Supreme Court where the Attorney General's Office is representing the NRB.

The NRB participated in an enforcement action hearing earlier this week. The judge ruled from the bench deciding that the Assurance of Discontinuance the NRB issued was sufficient.

**VI. 9:15 a.m. Adjourn**

At 9:15 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Aldrich, and approved as follows.

Sabina Haskell – Yes  
Brad Aldrich – Yes  
Andrew Collier - Yes  
Steve Larrabee – Absent  
Don Turner – Absent