

Senator Ginny Lyons, Chair
Margaret Cheney, PSB member
Representative Tony Klein
Judge Robert Mello
Chris Recchia, Commissioner DPS

Citizen Participation in PSB Proceedings Working Group

Minutes

September 22, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Susan M. Hudson Hearing Room, Third Floor, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont

In attendance: Senator Ginny Lyons (Chair); Representative Tony Klein; Board Member Margaret Cheney; Judge Robert Mello (via phone).

The meeting was called to order by Senator Lyons at 1:00 P.M.

Lou Borie, Executive Director of the Natural Resources Board, presented to the working group on the process for citizen participation in Natural Resources Board (Act 250) proceedings.

Aaron Adler, Counsel for the Vermont Legislative Council presented to the working group on elements of Act 174 (2016 Adj. Sess.) relevant to citizen participation in Public Service Board Proceedings.

June Tierney, General Counsel for the Public Service Board, presented to the working group on the recommendations of the Vermont Energy Generation Siting Policy Commission and the Vermont Solar Siting Task Force.

Following the above presentations, Senator Lyons opened the floor to members of the public in attendance:

- Greg Pierce inquired about the procedures for the public hearing scheduled for October 11.
- Melanie Peyser expressed concerns about funding for landowners involved in eminent domain proceedings before the Board and provided recommendations related to perceptions of judicial fairness.
- Steve Whittaker discussed the status of the 10-year telecommunications plan and citizen engagement in the telecommunications sector.
- Austin Davis of 350vt inquired about the definition of public good in Board processes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 P.M.