Natural Resources Committee  
June 20, 2012 meeting  
Approved Minutes

Attendance  
Commissioners: Maggie Bartenhagen, Nicholas Bartenhagen, John Whitman, Edie Mas, Andy Toepfer, Mal Herbert, Jane Purdy

Staff: Dinah Reed.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

Minutes - Draft Minutes of the April meeting; approved as written.

Discussion about Haystack Mtn. / Hermitage Inn Act 250  
- Site visit taking place on July 3rd with engineer (Bob Herrington) and river scientist (Todd Menees)  
- Comment letter may be drafted by WRC staff, and forwarded to Natural Resources Committee by email for review. Project Review Committee may also comment on this Act 250 permit. WRC staff is still waiting for final permit application.

Discussion about The Vermont Mulch Company - comment letter  
- Dinah offered to provide letter that was submitted by WRC – for review by Natural Resources Committee (attached by email)

Discussion about proposed changes to the Acceptable Management Practices (AMPs) for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs  
- Andy Toepfer explained that the AMPs came out of the Forest Parks & Recreation to a small list of people, but will be sent to a larger list.  
- The changes particularly address water quality.  
- Questions / points the Natural Resources Committee had:  
  o Broadening the AMPs to address more than just water, such as addressing invasives  
  o Temporary bridges – have they gone too far?  
  o What are the problems we’re seeing on logging jobs?  
- (AMPs attached by email)
Conservation Organizations – next Summit Roundtable meeting
- Decided to have the next meeting the last week in September
- Dinah will look into Riverledge Foundation in Grafton as a possible location
- Focusing on Water issues
- To ensure we set aside a ½ hour for networking
- To have an activity of some sort (TBD)
- To recruit Barry Cahoon to give opening presentation
- Dinah will market this meeting same as the last one. Secure the location and date, then
  the Natural Resources Committee can think about what expert speakers we would like to
  invite in addition to Barry Cahoon.

Review Process for Regional Plan
- Goal: to have a Draft by end of February
- For September meeting – Read pages 57-70 for discussion.
- Things to think about when reviewing the Natural Resources Chapter
  - What isn’t there – that should be addressed?
  - Edits to what is already written
  - Look at other Chapters to see where Natural Resources are addressed.
    (Natural Resources Chapter attached in email)

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Reed