



**Full Commission Meeting
March 26, 2024**

Commissioners Present:

Stanley Noga, Jr.	Brookline
Sarah Shippee	Dover
Matthew Hoffman	Dummerston
Todd Davidson	Dummerston
Cheryl Kaufman	Grafton
Eric Stevens	Grafton
Steve Lembke	Guilford
Gabby Ciuffreda, Chair	Guilford
Stephan Chait	Halifax
Edee Edwards	Halifax
Andy Coyne	Jamaica
George Mora	Londonderry
James Bressor	Newfane
Ann Golob	Newfane
Andrew Snelling	Townshend
Jim Pinkerton, Jr.	Vernon
Tim Arsenault	Vernon
Jack Cunningham	Wardsboro
Paul Spector	Wardsboro
Kara Halpburn	Weston
Peter Barus	Whitingham
Bob Bois	Wilmington
Gretchen Havreluk	Citizen Interest Commissioner - Community Development
Cory Ross	Citizen Interest Commissioner – Conservation
Elizabeth Bridgewater	Citizen Interest Commissioner – Housing

A **quorum** of 15 towns were present.

Guests/Members of the Public: Kord Scott – Town of Windham Selectboard Chair

Staff Present: Chris Campany, Executive Director; Sue Westa, Associate Director

Guest Speaker: Cory Ross, Director of the Windham County Natural Resource Conservation District, and WRC Citizen Interest Commissioner for Conservation

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Chair Gabby Ciuffreda at approximately 6:01 p.m. Chair Ciuffreda asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves as there were a number of new Commissioners present. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of January 30, 2024 Minutes: On a motion by Commissioner Arsenault, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the minutes were **approved** with six abstentions.

Program: Cory Ross, Director of the Windham County Natural Resource Conservation District, and WRC Citizen Interest Commissioner for Conservation, provided an overview of the structure and function of the District, the work that they do, and projects they're working on. The WRC provided grant funding through the High Meadows Fund to support the District's development of "living with streams" educational materials for landowners. It was noted that the District frequently collaborates with the WRC on projects and project development, and that often there are multiple partners on project. Commissioners asked about assistance with watershed protection projects, advice on development of steep slopes, opportunities for small-scale river corridor conservation easements, and tree planning programs outside of stream and river corridors.

Executive Director's Report: Chris noted that a Commissioner orientation was being organized for May, and that the May Full Commission meeting would be held in-person at the Union Hall in Newfane with Vermont State Treasurer Mike Pieciak as guest speaker.

Chair's Report: Project Review Committee (PRC) Chair Commissioner Jack Cunningham reported on the Project Review Committee's review of Mount Snow Master Plan application to Act 250. He described the WRC role and that of the Windham Regional Plan in Act 250 reviews. The Committee had submitted comments noting the Windham Regional Plan requires that resorts have an approved master plan before permits may be issued. The Natural Resources Board rules also contain a similar rule. Mount Snow has submitted a plan but given issues raised by the District Environmental Commission (DEC) the DEC filed a recess order noting plan in insufficiencies. Land Use Policy 7 (WRC) multi-phase project needs master plan. A question was asked if towns are made aware that they should participate in the Act 250 review process. PRC Chair Cunningham noted that the WRC does reach out to each town ahead of PRC meetings and invites them to attend those meetings, but that the WRC does not advise towns what they should or should not do. Towns have their own standing in Act 250 proceedings.

Public Comment: None was offered.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Arsenault, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Shippee.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Company