

Act 171 Forest Integrity Study Committee

Meeting Agenda

August 18, 2016, 8am-11am

The ANR Catamount Room, National Life Building, Montpelier, VT

1. Welcome and introductions **15 minutes**
2. Review of mandate & background of Act 171 **15 minutes**

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

3. Legislative charge and outline of expectations including governance and *decision making, vote for committee chair* **15 minutes**

Trey Martin, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

4. Break **10 minutes**
5. Presentation: *ANR Analysis & Understanding of Vermont Forests* **25 minutes**

John Austin, Lands and Habitat Program Manager, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Eric Sorenson, Natural Communities Ecologist, Department of Fish & Wildlife

6. Presentation: *Primer on Act 250 and Forest Land Use* **25 minutes**

Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel, Natural Resources Board

7. Presentation: *Primer on Municipal Regulation and Forest Land Use* **25 minutes**

John Adams, Planning and Policy Manager, Agency of Commerce & Community Development

8. Break **10 minutes**

9. Summary of legislatively mandated ANR & stakeholder work to date on policy options in support of forest integrity. Outline of next steps **20 minutes**

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

10. Public comment and questions **20 minutes**

Next meetings to be held at the **Agency of Natural Resources Offices**, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier:

Tuesday, September 13, 8am - 11am: **The Montpelier Room**

Tuesday, October 18, 8am - 11am: **The Catamount Room**

Friday, November 18, 8am – 11am: **The Catamount Room**

Study Committee Members

Put Blodgett, *Vermont Woodlands Association*

Jamey Fidel, *Vermont Natural Resources Council*

Lucy Leriche, *Agency of Commerce & Community Development*

Sam Lincoln, *Vermont Forest Products Association*

Joe Nelson, *Vermont Working Lands Enterprise Board*

Diane Snelling, *Natural Resources Board*

Michael Snyder, *Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation*

Bonnie Waninger, *Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies*

Gwyn Zakov or Karen Horn, *Vermont League of Cities and Towns*