

Act 171 Forest Integrity Study Committee

Meeting Agenda

Oct. 18, 2016, 8:30am - 11:30am

The Catamount Room, National Life Building, Montpelier, VT

1. Welcome and introductions
Review and approve minutes from meeting on Sept. 13, 2016
Review logistics and information sources: website, email, etc.
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation **15 minutes**
2. Summary of Vermont Forest Roundtable findings, recommendations to date, and overview of approaches to land use regulation from other states
Jamey Fidel, Vermont Natural Resources Council **45 minutes**
3. Break **15 minutes**
4. A Primer on Staying Connected and the Governors and Premiers' Resolution on Ecological Connectivity, Adaptation to Climate Change, and Biodiversity Conservation
John Austin, Vermont Fish & Wildlife **15 minutes**
5. Case Studies on Forest Fragmentation
Eric Sorenson, Vermont Fish & Wildlife **30 minutes**
6. Discuss recommendations provided by the Study Committee. Prepare ideas to recommend to Roundtable for discussion at their next meeting. **1 hour**
7. Public comment and questions; next steps. **15 minutes**
8. Next meeting to be held in The Catamount Room at the Agency of Natural Resources Offices, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier on **Friday, November 18, 8:30am – 11:30am.**
9. Adjourn

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*