

Vermont Forest Future Strategic Roadmap
Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Langevin House – Vermont Tech, Randolph, VT)

Panel Members Present:

Trevor Allard, Jamey Fidel, Chris Fife, Charlie Hancock, Dave Lane, Ed Larson, Betsy Lesnikoski, Chris Lindgren, Abby Long, Gabe Russo, Joe Short, Chief Don Stevens, Alan Thompson, Molly Willard

Panel Members Absent:

Chris Castano, Scott Duffy, Steve Hardy, Liz Gleason, Luke McNally, Stanley Robinson

Staff Present:

Danielle Fitzko (FPR), Paul Frederick (FPR), Christine McGowan (VSJF), Katharine Servidio (FPR)

Guests/Members of the Public:

David Beurle (Future iQ), Cheryl Joy Lipton, Zack Porter

I. Updates

- FPR: Danny Fitzko provided a brief update and highlighted the upcoming release of the initial stakeholder survey.
- Future iQ: David provided an overview of the planning process and timeline.
- Roundtable discussions were held in late November and generated an initial list of themes/focus areas.

II. Macro Trends Presentation

- Future iQ gave a presentation on macro trends shaping the broader context of Vermont and Vermont's forest economy over the next 10 years. Macro trends covered included demographics, urbanization, and population.

III. Group Activities / Table Discussions facilitated by Future iQ (Think Tank: Part 1)

- Panel members and staff split up into groups by table seating and participated in small group discussions to identify the top 20 key drivers shaping the future of Vermont's forest economy. Members of the public were able to sit at the table of their choice to observe the small group discussions.
- Future iQ and FPR staff compiled a list of the key drivers identified in each table discussion. "Key drivers" means events, trends, developments, catalysts, or forces that actively influence or cause change.
- After lunch, Future iQ facilitated a group activity to develop additional information for each key driver identified including the implications, potential impacts, predictions, and "Future-Splitting Questions." Panel members and staff were asked to join a table based on the driver they were interested in discussing. Members of

the public were able to sit at the table of their choice to observe the small group discussions.

- Future iQ distributed worksheets to each table to facilitate discussions and collected the completed worksheets at the end of each discussion topic/activity round.

IV. Public Comments

- Cheryl Joy Lipton thanked the group for being able to be present at the meeting and observe the discussions.

V. Next Meeting

- The next Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled for January 4th and will be held on Zoom.