

2021-2022 Session

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House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

(Room 49)

The House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry considers matters relating to agriculture and forestry, forest products and their market, and state parks and lands.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

1:30 PM House Floor

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

10:00 AM Joint Assembly to hear Canvassing Committee Report
Canvassing Committee Report

10:15 AM Caucuses

1:00 PM Committee Introductions

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM Joint Assembly for Governor's Remarks

Governor's Remarks

- **House Floor**

Friday, January 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

11:30 AM Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Introductions and overview

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Katherine McNamara, Assistant State Veterinarian, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

1:00 PM Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held immediately following the Floor

1:00 PM **House Floor**

**Following
Adjournment of
Floor**

Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Update

Marie Audet, Farmer, Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition

John Roberts, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition

- **Committee discussion regarding scope of work**

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Vermont Farm Bureau**

Update

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

9:30 AM

Rural Vermont

Update

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

10:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

- **Sexual Harassment Prevention Training**

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation**

Update

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

10:00 AM **Vermont Housing and Conservation Board**

Update

Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Liz Gleason, Viability Program Manager, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Mariah Noth, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Vermont Farm and Forest Viability Program

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

11:00 AM **NOFA-VT**

Update

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Jen Miller, Farmer Services Director, NOFA-VT

Grace Oedel, Executive Director, NOFA VT

Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

15 minutes after adjournment **Connecticut River Farmers Watershed Alliance**

Walter Gladstone, Owner, Newmont Farm

Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm

2:30 PM **Vermont Technical College**

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, January 15, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

11:30 AM **Family Farms in Vermont**

Ashlyn Bristle, Owner, Rebop Farm

Abbie Corse, Owner, Corse Family Farm

Norah Lake, Owner, Sweetland Farm

Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm

12:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Following the Floor **Implicit Bias Prevention Training**

12:15 PM **Lunch and Caucuses**

2:00 PM **Agri-Mark Farmers**

Marie Audet, Farmer, Agri-Mark
 Paul Doton, Dairy Farmer and Board Member, Agri-Mark
 Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agri-Mark
 Rob Wheeler, Dairy Farmer and Board Member, Agri-Mark

2:45 PM **Wood Products**

Kathleen Wanner, Executive Director, Vermont Woodlands Association, Administrator,
 Vermont Wood Works Council

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance**

Jacob Bourdeau, Owner, Bourdeau Bros Inc and Feed Commodities Inc
 Brian Carpenter, Board Member VT Dairy Producers Alliance, Champlain Valley
 Equipment
 Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
 Chanin Hill, Secretary, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
 Stephanie Pope
 Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
 Cayden Theberge, Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM University of Vermont Extension

Mark Cannella, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
Lisa Chase , Professor of Agronomy, UVM Extension
Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
Kate Forrer, Outreach Specialist, UVM Extension Urban & Community Forestry
Sarah Kleinman, Director of 4-H, Farmworker, and Family Education Programs, UVM Extension
Dan Lerner, Association Director and Chair, State Office, UVM Extension
Leslie Parise, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor Adjourns Salvation Farms

Greta Hasler, Strategy and Advocacy Coordinator, Salvation Farms
Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms

2:30 PM Congressional Delegation

Andrew Bahrenburg, Organizer, Advocate, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy
Tom Berry, Policy Advisor on Agriculture, Conservation, Energy and Natural Resources, Office of Sen. Leahy
Erica Campbell, Outreach Representative, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders
Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of Congressman Peter Welch

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Center For an Agricultural Economy

Michael Heath, Center for an Agricultural Economy

Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy

- 9:45 AM Vermont Forest Products Association**
Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association
- 10:15 AM Break**
- 10:30 AM Vermont Council on Rural Development**
Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on Rural Development
- 11:25 AM Committee Adjourns**
- 1:15 PM House Floor**
- 15 minutes after Floor adjourns**
- H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**
Rep. David Durfee, Bill Sponsor
 - **H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops**
Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor
- 2:45 PM Forest Carbon**
Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Housing & Conservation Coalition
Bill Roper, Land Use Consultant, Slow Communities
- 3:30 PM Committee Adjourns**

Friday, January 22, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor
adjournment**

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
Jennifer Byrne, District Manager, White River Natural Resources Conservation District
Brodie Haenke, Conservation Specialist, Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District
Justin Michaud, Conservation Planner, Newport, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
Hilary Solomon, Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

11:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held immediately following the Floor

1:00 PM **Governor's FY2022 Budget Address**

Joint Assembly

**following the
Joint Assembly**

Gund Institute for Environment, UVM

Stephen Posner, Director of Policy, Gund Institute for Environment

2:45 PM **Food Security**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.58 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment**
Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Sponsor
- 9:45 AM** **Break**
- 10:00 AM** **Working Lands Enterprise Initiative**
Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee and House Commerce and Economic Development Committee
Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and Community Development
Ela Chapin, Farm and Forest Viability Program Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
Eric DeLuca, Vice Chair, Working Lands Enterprise Board
Ken Gagnon, Owner, Gagnon Lumber
Adam Hausmann, Owner, Adam's Berry Farm
Judith Irving, Owner, Fat Toad Farm
Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Ben Nottermann, Owner, Snug Valley Farm
Riva Reynolds, Owner, Stannard Farm
Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Program Manager, Working Lands Enterprise Initiative
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation
Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Gabrielle Tuite, Owner, Old Road Farm
- 11:30 AM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:15 PM** **House Floor**
- 15 minutes after Floor adjourns** **Farm to School**
Update
Hayden Adams, Senior, Harwood Union High School
Antony Jeswin, Sophomore, Harwood Union High School
Jasper Koliba, Senior, Harwood Union High School
Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and

Markets

- Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont
- Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network
- Maggie Rubick, Preschool Teacher, Northshire Day School
- Harley Sterling, School Nutrition Director, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union

3:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism**

- Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance Division
- Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Rep. Michael Yantachka, Sponsor

9:45 AM **Break**

10:00 AM **Vermont Dairy Industry Price Regulations: Assessment and Recommendations**

*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Please click here for the livestream*

- Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Eugene Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm
- Leon Berthiaume, Senior Advisor, Dairy Farmers of America
- Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and Communications Manager, St. Albans Cooperative Creamery
- Jane Clifford, Dairy Producer, Starksboro
- Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Agri-Mark
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
- Larry Gervais, Owner, Gervais Family Farm
- Bob Gray, Dairy Policy Advisor, Northeast Farmers Cooperative
- Steve Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers, West Addison

Jennifer Lambert, Dairy Farmer/operator, Lambert Farm
Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance
Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation
Darlene Reynolds, Owner, Crossroads Dairy
Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation
John Roberts, Executive Director, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition
Bill Rowell, Green Mountain Dairy, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
Dan Smith
Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
Karie Thompson Atherton, Owner, Aires-Hill Farm and Creamery
Stephanie Walsh, Director, Industry and Community Affairs, Dairy Farmers of America
Rob Wheeler, Dairy Farmer and Board Member, Agri-Mark
Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns** **Farmers Watershed Alliance**

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
Larry Gervais, Owner, Gervais Family Farm
Scott Magnan, Board Chair, Farmers Watershed Alliance
Nick Mannng, Farmers Watershed Alliance Board Member, Manning Dairy Farm

3:00 PM **Council of State Governments**

David Biette, Director, Council of State Governments
Bob Haefner, Council of State Governments
Tara Sad, Council of State Governments

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, January 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns**

Current Use

Primer in current use

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held immediately following the Floor

1:00 PM **Animal Welfare**

Animal shelter

Aimee Braxmeier, Owner, Hildene Farm and Goat Dairy

Joan Falcao, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero

Robert Fireovid, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero

Kimberly Hagen, Grazing Outreach Specialist

Annie Hopper, Owner, Scuttleship Farm

Niko Horster, Owner, Shire Beef, Vermont Grass Farmers Association

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Dave Martin, Owner, Settlement Farm

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

Adam Wilson, Brush Brook Community Farm

2:00 PM **Agricultural Innovation**

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Christina Ashley, Essex Police Department

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association

Steve Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers, West Addison

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Mountain Meadows Farm

Rhonda Miller, Owner, Molly Brook Farm

Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm

Tara Oeschger, Northeast Kingdom Processing, LLC

Omar Oyarzabal, UVM Extension

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM How to Read a Bill

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM Everyone Eats

Richard Berkfeld, Executive Director, Food Counts

Kara Fitzbeauchamp, Owner, Evening Song Farm

Jean Hamilton, Vermont Everyone Eats Program Manager, SEVCA, ShiftMeals and The Skinny Pancake

Gary Holloway, Downtown Program Manager - Community Planning & Revitalization, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Michael Wegner, District Manager, The Works Bakery and Cafe

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM House Floor

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns**

Vermont Economic Development Authority

update

Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority

Cassie Polhemus, CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

2:45 PM

Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

3:30 PM

Committee Adjourns

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Glyphosate

An overview

Joint hearing with House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:00 AM

Break

10:15 AM

Committee Bill

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM

House Floor

15 minutes after

H.58 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment

Floor adjourns Nathan Proctor, Campaign Director, U.S. PIRG National Right to Repair

2:45 PM H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops

Jennie Amirkiaee, Maple Valley Farm
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
Bob Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
Rick Shortleff, Maple Valley Farm

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Friday, February 5, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor adjourns H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

Lisa Chase , Professor of Agronomy, University of Vermont Extension
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
Rick Lunt, Vice President, Dynamic Business Solutions
Tara Pereira, Executive Director, Vermont Fresh Network

11:30 AM Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

Caucuses will be held following the floor

1:00 PM H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Kaitlynn Levine, Assistant State Veterinarian, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Marc Paquette, Section Chief Weights & Measures, Food Safety & Consumer Protection
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Vermont Farm Bureau

Update

Jackie Folsom, Legislative Director, Vermont Farm Bureau
Shane Keady, President, Orange County Farm Bureau
Steven Reviczky, Executive Director, Vermont Farm Bureau
Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau
Mary White, Vice President, Vermont Farm Bureau
Art Whitman, President, Bennington County Farm Bureau

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.58 - An act relating to creating a right to repair agricultural equipment

Brian Carpenter, Owner Champlain Valley Equipment and Chair, Middlebury
Selectboard
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

9:45 AM	H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops Colonel Jason Batchelder, Director of Law Enforcement, Department of Fish & Wildlife Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Jason Gravelle, Warden, Department of Fish and Wildlife Forrest Hammond, Bear Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife Mark Scott, Wildlife Director, Department of Fish & Wildlife Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney, National Agriculture Law Center Staff Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau
12:00 PM	Committee Adjourns
1:15 PM	House Floor
15 minutes after Floor adjourns	H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects Heidi Krantz, Vermont Horse Council
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Farm to Plate Report**
*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
livestream here*

Terence Bradshaw, Assistant Professor, UVM Extension

Mark Cannella, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont
Lauren Masseria, Senior Market Development Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Randy Quenneville, Former Section Chief, Meat Inspection Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Becka Warren, Farm to Plate Strategic Plan Project Coordinator and Editor, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Rose Wilson, Consultant

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns** **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Proposed budget for the Agency

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Amy Mercier, Financial Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

3:00 PM **H.186 - An act relating to the sale of shell eggs**

Rep. Barbara Rachelson, Sponsor

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, February 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns**

H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor

1:00 PM **House Floor**

3:00 PM **H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board

3:30 PM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

- **Adequate Shelter**

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

9:45 AM Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

Update

Jeff Bartley, Sales/Marketing Manager, Champlain Valley Exposition

Jackie Folsom, Legislative Director, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

Alan Howe, President, Tunbridge Fair

Richard Lawrence, President & Director, Caledonia County Fair

Diane Norris, President, Addison County Fair and Field Days

Jason Sicard, President, Orleans County Fair

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM H.89 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

possible committee vote

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for Justice

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk

Rep. Heather Surprenant, Sponsor

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor adjourns H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

2:45 PM New England Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Update

John Clark, President, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
Andy Dugan, Executive Committee member; Chair, Government Relations Committee,
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans
Arthur Whitman, Vermont Seed Dealers Association, member
Rick Zimmerman, Executive Director, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition**
Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier
Barrett Grimm, Co-Chair, Huntington Conservation Commission
Katie Rose Leonard, Snow Farm
Stephanie Pope, Iroquois Acres
Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation
Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust

10:25 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**
Joint Assembly

following Joint Assembly **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**
Budget recommendations

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15 minutes after **Budget Recommendations**

the Floor Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, February 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

15 minutes after Floor **Vermont Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan**
Agriculture Committee bill elements

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor

1:00 PM **H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM **Break**

2:15 PM **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

Kylie Cook, Owner, Sunday Bell Farm

E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical
Association

Natalie Kwit, State Public Health Veterinarian, Department of Health

Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

Elisabeth Wirsing, Senior Environmental Health Program Manager, Department of
Health

3:30 PM **Definition of Humane Officer**

walk-through of new bill

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

4:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Definition of Humane Officer**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

- **Adequate Shelter for Livestock**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

10:00 AM H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.

possible vote on bill

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM House Floor

15 minutes after H.186 - An act relating to the sale of shell eggs

Floor adjourns

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:45 PM H.67 - An act relating to bears doing damage to agricultural crops

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel
Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**
- Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 9:45 AM** **Break**
- 10:00 AM** **Council of State Governments East**
- webinar from 10 - Noon*
- 1:15 PM** **House Floor**
- 2:00 PM** **Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**
- Joint Assembly*
- 15 minutes after
Joint Assembly
adjourns** **Adequate Shelter for Livestock**
- Report from the Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council*
- Ruth Blauwiel, UVM Veterinarian, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
- 3:00 PM** **H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training**
- Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, February 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

15 minutes after Floor adjourns **H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training**

possible vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

possible vote

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor

1:00 PM **Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**

Joint Assembly

Following adjournment of Joint Assembly

H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

Becky Allen, Food Animal Veterinarian, Addison County

Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

3:00 PM **H.108 - An act relating to Vermont standards for issuing a Clean Water Act section 401 certification**

Rep. Katherine "Kari" Dolan, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Adequate Shelter for Livestock**
- Brandon Bless, Bread and Butter Farm
 - Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board
 - Bruce Hennesey, Maple Wind Farm
 - Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
 - Barry Londeree, Former Vermont State Director, Humane Society of the United States
 - Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board
 - Justin Poulin, Poulin And Daughters Farm, Randolph
 - Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
- 10:30 AM** **Break**
- 10:45 AM** **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**
- Jared Carpenter, , Lake Champlain Committee
 - Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
 - Andrew Shively, Highway Division Hazardous Materials Unit Manager, VTrans
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:15 PM** **House Floor**
- 15 minutes after Floor adjourns** **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**
- Roy Folsom, Elite Certified Farm Agent, Nationwide Agribusiness
 - Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

9:30 AM **Adequate Shelter for Livestock**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **Committee bills**

Committee discussion

11:30 AM **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

following Floor **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**
adjournment

Committee discussion

3:15 PM **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

Committee discussion

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Friday, March 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor adjourns **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

James Donegan, Owner, Trillium Hill Farm
Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery
Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

11:30 AM H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Break

12:30 PM H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board

discussion and possible vote

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:00 PM H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk

discussion and possible vote

Becky Allen, Addison County
E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery

Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the floor

1:50 PM **S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor, Chittenden County

- **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

Kelley McGill, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **Rural Vermont**

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee. Livestream here.

Jericho Bicknell

Sam Bromberg, Mountain Fire Farm

Cat Buxton, Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition

Buster Caswell, Activist, Agricultural worker housing

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Evan Hoyt, Brush Brook Community Farm

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Jane Lanza, This is Family Tree

Stephen Leslie, Owner, Cedar Mountain Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese

Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm

Jesse Lukas, GMC Farms, LLC

Rev. M Moretti, Owner, Murmuration Farm

Allan Reetz, Director of Public and Government Affairs, Hanover Co-op

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee

E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Carl Rosenquist, , House Committee On Human Services

Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

Friday, March 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:00 AM H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk

Consideration of amendment

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, former member, House Agriculture and Forestry Committee
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Carl Rosenquist, Amendment Sponsor, House Committee On Human Services
Mollie Wills, Rural Vermont

9:15 AM Committee Adjourns

9:30 AM House Floor

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

Caucuses will be held following the Floor

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Update on committee activity

Wayne Elliott, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain
Bob Fisher, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future
Mark Naud , Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future
Hilary Solomon, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake

Champlain's Future

Jeff Wennberg, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Commission on Lake Champlain's Future

10:00 AM Regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

S.102

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

11:00 AM Regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

S.102

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation

Eamon Twohig, Program Manager, Residuals Management and Emerging Contaminants Program, Department of Environmental Conservation

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM House Floor

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

S.102

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:15 AM Committee Adjourns

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates

Joint assembly

1:15 PM House Floor

Friday, March 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

1:00 PM **Senate Amendments**

H.315

1:15 PM **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**
 Louise Calderwood, Director of Regulatory Affairs, American Feed Industry Association
 Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Biotechnology Innovation Org, National Animal Supplement Council, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance
 Steven LaRosa, Neighbor to food residual composting facility
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:15 PM** **House Floor**

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**
 Kurt Ericksen, General Manager, Vermont Compost Company
 Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
 Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard VT
 Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
 Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co.
 Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:15 PM** **House Floor**
- 2:00 PM** **Results of the Votes for Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**
Joint Assembly
- 15 minutes after Floor adjourns** **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**
 Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, April 2, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns** **Committee Check-In**

11:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Food Security**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

2:30 PM **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

Lisa DeSmet, Vice President, Quality/Regulatory, FoodScience

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist

Sarah Phillips, Vice President and General Manager, Animal Business Unit,
FoodScience

Sharon Rossi, CEO, FoodScience

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Vermont Technical College**

Revised Agriculture and Food Systems Program

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Regina Beidler, Program Specialist Organic Valley, Beidler Family Farm

Louise Calderwood, Owner, Echo Hill Farm Maple Products

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Pat Moulton, President, Vermont Technical College

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **Ecosystem Services**

Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns**

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, April 9, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor**

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of
Environmental Conservation

11:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

1:00 PM **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Grazing and Pasture Management**

Transitioning conventional dairy to grazing

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT**

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Livestream [here](#).

Cat Buxton, Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition
- Chris, West Crescent Farm

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Shawn Lenihan, Kismet Farm

Stephen Leslie, Owner, Cedar Mountain Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese

Rose Thackeray, Union Brook Farm

Emily Virzi, Union Brook Farm

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns**

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Federal Agriculture Issues

Andrew Bahrenburg, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy
Tom Berry, Policy Advisor on Agriculture, Conservation, Energy and Natural Resources,
Office of Sen. Leahy
Erica Campbell, Outreach Representative, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders
Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of Congressman Peter Welch

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Agriculture Issues

Preventing the dumping of milk

Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and Communications Manager, Dairy
Farmers of America
Jennifer Huson, Senior Director of Council and Industry Affairs, Dairy Farmers of
America

11:00 AM Regional Food System

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM **House Floor**

Friday, April 16, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns**

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

1:00 PM **Forestry issues**

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:15 AM Agricultural Housing

Joint hearing with House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs. Livestream [here](#).

Dan Baker, Professor of Community Development and Applied Economics, UVM

Marita Canedo, Rep., Migrant Justice

Ernest A. Caswell, Farm Worker Housing Activist, Milton

Tom Fritzsche, Executive Director, Milk with Dignity Standards Council

Liz Gleason, Director, VHCB Farm and Forest Viability Program

John Ryan, Owner, Development Cycles

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

**Following Joint
Hearing Committee Check-In**

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM House Floor

**15 minutes after
House Floor
adjourns Committee Check-In**

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Working Lands Enterprise Board

Enterprise Finance Options

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Will Belongia, Vermont Community Loan Fund

Eric DeLuca, Enterprise Financing Options Committee Chair, Working Lands Enterprise Board

Lane Fury, Cooperative Fund of New England

Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority

Dave Lane, Senior Vice President, Yankee Farm Credit

Joel Moyer, Fair Food Fund

Benneth Phelps, Dirt Capital Partners

Michael Philipp, Regenerative Food Network

Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy

Siobhan Smith, Vermont Land Trust

Janice St. Onge, President, Flexible Capital Fund

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Gaye Symington, Executive Director, High Meadows Fund

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **Committee Work**

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns** **Agricultural Housing**

Liz Gleason, Director, VHCB Farm and Forest Viability Program

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, April 23, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

10:00 AM **Council on State Government**
Webinar

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**
Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

2:00 PM **Agricultural Housing**
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Liz Gleason, Director, VHCB Farm and Forest Viability Program
Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Land Trust
Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **H.218 - An act relating to the sale of unpasteurized raw milk**

- **S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:00 AM

Forestry issues

Christi Colton, General Manager, Colton Enterprises

Colleen Goodridge, Owner, Goodridge Lumber

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation

10:00 AM

Vermont Fairs and Field Days

Update

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:15 PM

House Floor

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:15 PM House Floor

Friday, April 30, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

S.102 - An act relating to the regulation of agricultural inputs for farming

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM House Floor

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

**Following
caucuses,
approx. 1:30 PM**

H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:40 AM H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Consideration of Senate Amendment

Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
Mary Lake, Shearer, butcher, and shepherd, Tunbridge, Vermont

Elizabeth Roma, Putting Down Roots Farm

Shona Sanford-Long, Flying Dog Farm

Chuck Wooster, , Sunrise Farm

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 AM **House Floor**

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Agricultural Housing**

Marita Canedo, Representative and Translator, Migrant Justice/Justicia Migrante
Jose Ignacio De La Cruz, Dairy Worker, Migrant Justice/Justicia Migrante

10:00 AM **H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Kanika Gandhi, Agrichemical Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM **Break**

10:55 AM **Rights and Democracy Vermont (RADVT)**

Introductions

Dan Fingas, Rights and Democracy
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

11:45 AM **H.434 - An act relating to establishing the Agricultural Innovation Board**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:15 PM **House Floor**

2:00 PM H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM Student Research

Policy Research Shop, Dartmouth College, presents two reports:

Regional Food Supply Systems

Benefits of Regenerative Agriculture/PES

Vanessa Haggans, Student, Dartmouth College

Sadhana Hall, Deputy Director, Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College

William Platt, Office of Public Affairs, Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College

Ronald Shaiko, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Curricular and Research Programs, Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College

Kelly Westkaemper, Student, Dartmouth College

Kate Yuan, Student, Dartmouth College

3:30 PM H.421 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation response and training

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, May 7, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor Committee Check-In

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

2:15 PM **Committee Check-In**

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

12:30 PM **H.420 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Committee vote on Senate Amendment

1:15 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Forestry issues**

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

9:30 AM **H.88 - An act relating to the use value appraisal program.**

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review, Department of Taxes

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **Committee Adjourns**

1:15 PM **House Floor**

Friday, May 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Caucuses will be held following the Floor adjournment

1:00 PM **S.100 - An act relating to universal school meals**

Scott Fay, Child Nutrition Manager, Essex-Westford School District

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network

2:15 PM **Committee Adjourns**

2:30 PM **House Floor**

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Friday, May 21, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Committee Check-In**

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:10 AM **Committee Check-In**

10:00 AM **Committee Updates**

Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

2:00 PM **Governor's State of the State Address**

Joint Assembly

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Committee Updates**

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Steve Collier, Agency Attorney, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Rebecca Harvey, Director, Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

1:00 PM Committee Updates

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and Recreation
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

3:30 PM Adjourn

Friday, January 7, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Budget Adjustment

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

9:15 AM Adjourn

9:30 AM House Floor

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry Report

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Dan Smith, Co-Chair, Task Force to Revitalize the Vermont Dairy Industry

3:30 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Carbon Sequestration**
Sara Via, Professor and Climate Extension Specialist, University of Maryland
- 10:15 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 AM** **Vermont Climate Action Plan**
Chris Campany, Member, Steering Committee and Just Transitions Subcommittee, Climate Council
Abbie Corse, Member, Vermont Climate Council
Billy Coster, Director of Policy and Planning, Agency of Natural Resources, Co-Chair, Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee
Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act, Agency of Natural Resources
Lauren Oates, Interim Director of Government Relations, Vermont Climate Council
Ryan Patch, Member, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- 11:30 AM** **Working Lands Enterprise Fund**
Funding request
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 12:00 PM** **Adjourn**
- 1:00 PM** **Agrimark**
Introductions
Clara Ayer, Fairmont Farms, East Montpelier, VT
Catherine DeRonde, Vice President, Economics and Legislative Affairs , Agrimark

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Agrimark
Joanna Lidback, Wheeler Mountain Farm, Barton, VT

1:45 PM Animal Welfare

Cows dying from broadband debris

Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Clark Parmalee, Agricultural Resource Management Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

2:45 PM Adjourn

3:00 PM House Floor

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Gund Institute for Environment, UVM

Stephen Posner, Director of Policy, Gund Institute for Environment

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Break

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Morgan Griffith, Agrichemical Research and Policy Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Stephanie Smith, Cannabis Quality Control and Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

11:30 AM Adjourn

1:00 PM Forest Carbon Sequestration

Alexandra Kosiba, Climate Forester, Vermont Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation

2:15 PM **Animal Welfare**
Cows dying from broadband debris
F.X. Flinn, Chair, ECFiber

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, January 14, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

Chris Brooks, Owner, Vermont Wood Pellet Company

Colleen Goodridge, Owner, Goodridge Lumber

Mike Rainville, Maple Landmark Woodcraft

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

1:00 PM **Governor's FY2023 Budget Address**

Joint Assembly

**15 Minutes After
Joint Assembly
Adjourns**

H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Walk-through of bill

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Katherine Sims, Sponsor

3:50 PM

Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Center for Agriculture and Entrepreneurship (CAFE)

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

10:30 AM

Break

10:45 AM

NOFA-Vermont

Update

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

12:00 PM

Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM

H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

1:45 PM

Dairy Proposal

Maine Milk Commission

Julie-Marie Bickford, Executive Director, Maine Milk Commission

Tade Sullivan, Executive Director, Maine Dairy Industry Association

2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Current Use**

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

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

Keith Thompson, Private Lands Program Manager, Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM **New England Feeding New England**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**

Jack Bell, Long View Forest

Charlie Hancock, Consulting Forester, North Woods Forestry

Sam Lincoln, Principal, Lincoln Farm Timber Harvesting

Christine McGowan, Forest Products Program Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, January 21, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **Carbon Sequestration**

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

2:00 PM **H.504 - An act relating to the reorganization, enhancement, and enforcement of animal welfare requirements in the State**

Introduction

Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, Sponsor

2:20 PM **Break**

2:40 PM **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

Introduction

Rep. Lisa Hango, Sponsor

3:00 PM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Introduction

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Sponsor, Chair

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Walk-through of bill

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM **On-farm Slaughter**

Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **H.653 - An act relating to the creation of an ecological management qualification for the Use Value Appraisal program**

Introduction

Rep. Paul Lefebvre, Sponsor

11:20 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

Walk-through of bill

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Charles Mraz, Owner, Champlain Valley Apiaries

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Farm to Plate Report**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**

Zack Porter, Director, Standing Trees

Kathleen Wanner, Executive Director, Vermont Woodlands Association, Administrator,
Vermont Wood Works Council

11:30 AM **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

Brian Savage, Town Administrator, Swanton, Vermont

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, January 28, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**

Dana Doran, Executive Director, Professional Logging Contractors of Maine
Joe Short, Vice President, Northern Forest Center

2:00 PM **H.696 - An act relating to on-farm restaurants**

Introduction

Rep. Matthew Birong, Sponsor

2:15 PM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Housekeeping bill

Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

3:00 PM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

4:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Max Feken, Environmental Toxicologist, Syngenta

Michelle Kopa, Director, State Government Relations and Public Policy - Eastern Region, Household and Commercial Products Association
Jeffrey Miller, President and Executive Director, Treated Wood Council
Caydee Savinelli, Stewardship Team and Pollinator Lead, Syngenta

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Housekeeping bill

Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **Food Security**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Becka Warren, Farm to Plate Strategic Plan Project Coordinator and Editor, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

2:45 AM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Trini Brassard, Division Deputy Director, Policy, Planning, and Intermodal Development, Agency of Transportation

Heidi Britch-Valenta, Town Administrator, Town of Highgate

9:45 AM Vermont Federal Legislative Delegation

Update on federal agriculture issues

Tom Berry, Policy Advisor on Agriculture, Conservation, Energy and Natural Resources, Office of Sen. Leahy

Alex Piper, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Welch

Will Stevens, Outreach Representative, Office of Sen. Sanders

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Margaret Fowle, Conservation Biologist, Audubon Vermont

Kent McFarland, Senior Conservation Biologist, Vermont Center for Ecostudies

Judy Wu-Smart, Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska

12:15 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor adjourns H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Brooke Decker, Pollinator Protector Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Morgan Griffith, Agrichemical Research and Policy Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

3:00 PM Committee Adjourns

Friday, February 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

2:45 PM **Farm to School**

Conor Floyd, Grant Program Manager for Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education

Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT

Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network

3:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Samantha Alger, Research Affiliate, Plant and Soil Science Department, University of Vermont

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Andrew Munkres, President, Vermont Beekeepers Association

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition**

Update

Guy Choiniere, Owner, Choiniere Family Farms

Julie Curtin, Director of Home Ownership, Champlain Housing Trust

Kelly Dolan, Coordinator, Vermont Migrant Education Program, UVM Extension

Abby White, Vice President for Strategic Communications, Vermont Land Trust

Gregory Witscher, Co-owner, Understory Farm

11:15 AM **H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses**

Rep. Charles Kimbell, Sponsor

11:30 AM **H.705 - An act relating to prohibiting the running of livestock at large**

Rep. Felisha Leffler, Sponsor

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **Food Security**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

1:30 PM **Committee Discussion and Planning**

2:00 PM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Housekeeping bill

Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

2:45 PM

Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM House Floor

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Updates

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Steve Bick, Owner, Northeast Forests LLC

Joe Bossen, Owner, Vermont Bean Crafters and Vermont All Souls

Danielle Fitzko, Director of Forests, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Charlie Hancock, Consulting Forester, North Woods Forestry

Sarah Isham, Director of Agricultural Lending, Vermont Economic Development Authority

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Molly Mahar, President, Vermont Ski Areas Association

Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Program Manager, Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Randall Szott, Former Representative, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Anson Tebbetts, Secretary, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

Updates and introductions

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Jen Daniels, Meristem Farms

Josh Decatur, CEO

Rick Fox, Meristem Farms

Patricia Heck, Mystic Mountain Cannabis

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance

Eduardo Jaime, Fine Bud Farms

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
Matt Leonetti, NurseGrown Organics
Charlotte Rootblum, Vermont Cannabis Coaching
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
Ben Wilcox, Off Piste Farm

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns** **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Kristin Freeman, Financial Manager, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

3:00 PM **H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program**

Committee discussion

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, February 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

**15 minutes after
Floor adjourns** **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Housekeeping bill

Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain**

Wayne Elliott, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Bob Fischer, Water Facility Operator, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Mark Naud , Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Hilary Solomon, Conservation District Manager, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Jeff Wennberg, Retired Commissioner of Public Works, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

1:45 PM **H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Potential Vote

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, Chair of Board of Civil Authority, Pittsford, Rutland-6

3:00 PM **Governor's 2022 Supplemental Budget**

Dairy Farmer Insurance Support

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Sen. Robert Starr, Chair, Senate Agriculture Committee

3:45 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.697 - An act relating to eligibility of reserve forestland for enrollment in the Use Value Appraisal Program**
- Rep. Seth Bongartz, Reporter, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife
Bill Sayre, Co-owner, A. Johnson Lumber Co., Inc
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
Keith Thompson, Private Lands Program Manager, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- 10:00 AM** **Vermont Fairs and Field Days**
- Update*
- Jackie Folsom, Legislator Director, Vermont Farm Bureau
Alan Howe, President, Tunbridge Fair
Richard Lawrence, President & Director, Caledonia County Fair
Dave Martin, President, Vermont Farm Show
Jason Sicard, President, Orleans County Fair
- 10:40 AM** **Break**
- 10:50 AM** **Rights and Democracy Vermont**
- Neily Jennings, Member, Rights and Democracy
Saudia LaMont, Member, Rights and Democracy
Alison Nihart, Vermont State Director, Rights and Democracy
- 11:30 AM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM** **Review of House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Bill H.657**
- Rep. Seth Bongartz, Co-Sponsor of the bill, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife

1:45 PM Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Amy Mercier, Financial Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

2:45 PM Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM House Floor

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Marie Audet, Owner, Blue Spruce Farm

Abbie Corse, Self-Advocate, Corse Family Farm, Vermont Climate Council

Tom Eaton, Agricultural Consulting Services

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

10:15 AM Committee Adjourns

10:30 AM Election of Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation

Joint Assembly

11:15 AM Committee Discussion and Planning

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products Association

1:45 PM Vermont Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan
Budget request
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

2:00 PM Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM House Floor

Friday, February 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

15 minutes after House floor adjourns **Dairy Margin Coverage Program**
Support for funding in Supplemental Budget

12:45 AM H.566 - An act relating to the establishment of the Vermont Forest Future Program
Walk-through of latest draft, 3.2
Possible vote

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

House Floor

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581

Accessory on-farm business

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Rep. Charles Kimbell, Sponsor, House Committee on Commerce and Economic
Development

2:00 PM Conservation Districts

Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts
Jennifer Byrne, District Manager, White River Natural Resources Conservation District
Sarrah Damsell, District Manager, Orleans County, Orleans County Natural Resources
Conservation District
Hilary Solomon, District Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation
District
Molly Varner, Communications Coordinator, Vermont Association of Conservation
Districts
Lauren Weston, District Manager, Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation
District

3:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Christina Ashley, Retired Officer, Essex Police Department
Ruth Blauwiel, Retired, UVM
Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets
Andrea Etter, Assistant Professor, Nutrition and Food Services Department, UVM
Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Rhonda Miller, Member, Molly Brook Farm

JoAnn Nichols, Member, Humane Society of Chittenden County, HEART Wildlife
Removal

Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm

Tara Oeschger, Member, Northeast Kingdom Processing, LLC

Eliza Rutherford, Member, Foxwood Hanoverians

Tracy Webb, Member, National Farmers Organization

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **Farm to Plate Report**

10 Year Retrospective. Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Jake Claro, Farm to Plate Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Abbie Corse, Member, Vermont Climate Council, Corse Dairy Farm

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

2:00 PM **H.581 - An act relating to rural economic development**

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581**

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Kevin Geiger, Senior Planner, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission
Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau
- 10:15 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 AM** **Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581**

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 11:00 AM** **Committee Discussion**
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:15 PM** **FY2023 Budget**

letter to House Committee on Appropriations
- 1:30 PM** **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 2:45 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 3:00 PM** **House Floor**

Friday, February 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides**

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:50 PM **Break**

2:00 PM **Ecosystem Services**

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**

Sen. Randy Brock, Franklin County

Bob Flint, Executive Director, Springfield Regional Development Corporation

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County

10:30 AM **Break**

10:45 AM Review of House Natural Resources Bill H.581

Chris Company, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission
Todd Heyman, Owner, Fat Sheep Farm and Cabins
Rep. Charles Kimbell, Sponsor

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM H.581 - An act relating to rural economic development

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:45 PM Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM House Floor

15 minutes after floor adjourns H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

4:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:45 AM H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM Break

- 10:45 AM** **H.610 - An act relating to airport expansion and primary agricultural soils**
- Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Trini Brassard, Division Deputy Director, Policy, Planning, and Intermodal Development, Agency of Transportation
- Sabina Haskell, Chair, Natural Resources Board
- Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel, Natural Resources Board
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM** **H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses**
- Steve Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- 2:45 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 3:00 PM** **House Floor**
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Friday, March 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.704 - An act relating to the regulation of accessory on-farm businesses**
- possible vote*
- Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Sabina Haskell, Chair, Natural Resources Board
- Alison Stone, Associate General Counsel, Natural Resources Board
- 9:25 AM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 9:30 AM** **House Floor**
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Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

- **Caucuses and Lunch**

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor, Senate Committee on Agriculture

9:20 AM **Review of Senate Bill S.258**

Sen. Brian Collamore, Reporter, Senate Committee on Agriculture

9:40 AM **H.723 - An act relating to establishing a program to encourage the implementation of year-round agricultural practices**

Rep. Brian Cina, Sponsor, Chittenden-6-4

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Vermont Feed Dealers**

Stuart Hall, Member, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, Phoenix Seeds
Mike Thresher, Member, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, Morrison's Feeds
Art Whitman, Member, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance, A&K Agriservices

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Review of Senate Agriculture Bill S.188**

Walk-through of bill and testimony

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Review of Senate Agriculture Bill S.258**

Walk-through of bill and testimony

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, March 18, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor & Caucus**

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Pesticides**

Changes in pesticide regulations

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

David Huber, Deputy Director, Public Health and Agriculture Resources, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Zach Szczukowski, Intern, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **Committee Discussion and Planning**

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

*Member introductions and testimony about On-Farm Slaughter
Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee*

Ali Berlow, On-Farm Slaughter Customer, Author and Writer

Brandon Bless, Bread and Butter Farm, Shelburne, VT

Julie Boisvert, Meat Inspection Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Bill Cavanaugh, Farm Business Advisor, NOFA VT

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Silene DeCiucies, Farm Business Planner, Center for an Agricultural Economy

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Mary Lake, Shearer, butcher, and shepherd, Tunbridge, Vermont

Curt Peterson, Shincracker Icelandic Sheep Farm, Hartland, VT

Elena Roig, Legislative Intern, Rural Vermont

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

Katy Wolfe, Boondoggle Farm, Putney, VT

10:15 AM Committee Adjourns

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges

Joint Assembly

1:00 PM House Floor

Friday, March 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor & Caucus**

1:00 PM **Tile Drainage**

Josh Faulkner, Director, UVM Agricultural and Environmental Testing Lab, UVM Extension

Laura Klaiber, Research Scientist, Miner Institute

2:15 PM **Raw milk**

Cynthia Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery

Rich Larson, Owner, Larson Farm and Creamery

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Field Trip**

*to Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory
with Senate Agriculture Committee*

Rebecca Harvey, Director, Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory

1:00 PM **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**

Sen. Corey Parent, , Sponsor

2:45 AM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 10:15 AM** **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**
Gerard Vorsteveld, Owner, Vorsteveld Farm
- 11:15 AM** **Review of S.234 as Passed by the Senate**
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM** **Organic Dairy Processors**
update on organic standards
John Cleary, procurement, Organic Valley
Britt Lundgren, Senior Director of Sustainability and Government Affairs, Stonyfield
- 2:00 PM** **Food Security**
John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank
Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms
- 2:45 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 3:00 PM** **House Floor**
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Friday, April 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor and Caucuses**

1:00 PM **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**

Sam Bellavance, Executive Director, Sunset Lake CBD

Heather Darby, Associate Professor, UVM Extension

Walter Gladstone, Board Member, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney, National Agriculture Law Center Staff

Travis Samuels, Zion Growers

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Committee Discussion**

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM Local Food and Food Security Updates and Requests

Meg Burmeister, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging
Cynthia Greene, Farm to Early Childhood Partnership Coordinator, Shelburne Farms
Anore Horton, Executive Director, Hunger Free Vermont
Trevor Lowell, Farm to Institution Program Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director, NOFA VT
Betsy Rosenbluth, Vermont FEED Project Director, Vermont Farm to School Network
Carrie Stahler, Vermont Food Bank
Becka Warren, Food Security Plan Project Manager, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
Amanda Witman, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator, Vermont Everyone Eats

11:30 AM Committee Discussion

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

1:00 PM Committee Discussion

1:25 PM Committee Adjourns

3:00 PM House Floor

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

Vermont Farm Bureau members

Leon Corse, Owner, Corse Family Farm
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Frank Kampf, Farmer, Cabot
Jack Rath, Vermont Beekeeper

10:45 AM **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**

differences between current law and S.268 concerning Right to Farm

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **Council of State Governments**

Tara Eric, Council of State Governments

Bob Haefner, Council of State Governments

2:00 PM **Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs)**

Laura DiPietro, Water Quality Division Director, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, April 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor and Caucuses**

- 1:00 PM** **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**
Rick Fox, Meristem Farms

- 1:45 PM** **Break**

- 2:00 PM** **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**
Sam Bromberg, Mountain Fire Farm

- 3:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**
Enforcement procedures
David Huber, Deputy Director, Public Health and Agriculture Resources, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

- 1:00 PM** **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**
Right to farm
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- 1:45 PM** **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**

- **Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268**
Steven Thomas, Chicken Wiggle Farm, Chelsea, VT
Kate Thomas, Chicken Wiggle Farm, Chelsea, VT

- 2:45 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT**

Member introductions and issues
Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
Stephen Leslie, Owner, Cedar Mountain Farm and Cobb Hill Cheese
Suzanne Long, Owner, Luna Bleu Farm
Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an Agricultural Economy
Shona Sanford-Long, Flying Dog Farm
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
Ryan Yoder, Yoder Farm

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**

Michael DiTomasso, Hemp Resource Management Specialist, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board
Stephanie Smith, Chief Policy Enforcement Officer, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM

Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

Right to farm

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Matt Strassberg, Director, Vermont Agricultural Mediation Program

1:55 PM **Break**

2:00 PM **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**

Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

Chris White, West Crescent Farm

2:45 PM **Committee Adjourns**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, April 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor and Caucuses**

1:00 PM

Review of Senate Judiciary Bill S.268

Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

- 2:00 PM** **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**
- Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT**
- Legislative priorities*
- Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont
Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont
- 10:15 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 AM** **S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming**
- Consideration of amendment and possible vote*
- Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 11:00 AM** **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**
- Committee discussion*
- 12:00 PM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:00 PM**

House Floor

Following House Floor Adjournment	Committee Discussion
3:30 PM	Committee Adjourns

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Discussion
9:30 AM	Committee Adjourns
1:00 PM	S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
2:00 PM	Break
2:50 PM	S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Steven Collier, General Counsel, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
3:00 PM	Committee Adjourns

Friday, April 22, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming**
Possible vote
- **S.188 - An act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming**
Vote
- 9:25 AM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 9:30 AM** **House Floor**
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Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM** **House Floor and Caucus**
- 1:00 PM** **Caucuses**
- 2:00 PM** **House Floor**
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Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.709 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**
- Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets
- Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Kati Gallagher, Sustainable Communities Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council

Sabina Haskell, Chair, Natural Resources Board

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

Ari Rockland-Miller, Senior Agricultural Development Coordinator, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Alison Stone, General Counsel, Natural Resources Board

10:45 AM **Break**

11:00 AM **S.234 - An act relating to changes to Act 250**

Rep. Seth Bongartz, House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife

11:15 AM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Budget**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

12:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

1:00 PM **House Floor**

3:15 PM **Recommendations to House Appropriations**

Committee letter to House Committee on Appropriations

3:30 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.258 - An act relating to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and dairy farming**

Trini Brassard, Assistant Director, Agency of Transportation

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, April 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor and Caucuses**

12:40 PM **Caucuses & Lunch**

2:15 PM **House Floor**

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **H.466 - An act relating to surface water withdrawals and interbasin transfers**

Ryan Patch, Agriculture Climate and Land Use Policy Manager, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, May 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Monday, May 9, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **House Floor**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.626 - An act relating to the sale, use, or application of neonicotinoid pesticides

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Brynn Hare, Executive Director, Cannabis Control Board

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM House Floor

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

Friday, May 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**
