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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 9:05 PM  
**To:** Miller, Elizabeth  
**CC:** Hopkins, Asa; Allen, Susan  
**Subject:** Re: H.40 amendment; 8am start

Perfect thanks. We do at least have ANR and PSD seats....

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On Apr 23, 2015, at 9:04 PM, Miller, Elizabeth <[Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Miller@state.vt.us)> wrote:

Fine and vspc fine  
Leave gov out of it if they go that way  
Otherwise get us real representation

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On Apr 23, 2015, at 9:02 PM, Springer, Darren <[Darren.Springer@state.vt.us](mailto:Darren.Springer@state.vt.us)> wrote:

VSPC is good idea unless anyone wants our appointment of a utility?

On heat pump piece my house would probably be fine since I had a BED audit and have decent insulation, but I get point.

Anyhow MacDonald is on both committees and is wedded to this and we basically agree on policy that we want heat pumps in air sealed and efficient homes so we don't drive up use and peak more than we have to. Language pretty flexible, and probably good incentive for more eHome projects and EVT/Neighborworks partnership.

Has been challenging 48 hours for the bill and last thing we want is to alienate MacDonald. If utilities have an issue they can speak up on it, I know VPIRG looking at it too.....

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On Apr 23, 2015, at 8:56 PM, Hopkins, Asa <[Asa.Hopkins@state.vt.us](mailto:Asa.Hopkins@state.vt.us)> wrote:

The VSPC could be asked to designate the utility representative. It's the closest thing we have to a body composed of utility reps.

Not sure I fully like the building efficiency goal piece in the fifth instance of amendment. I applaud the intention, but I'm concerned that this could be construed as requiring buildings to be improved with a heat pump install, instead of allowing that some buildings are already high-performing enough that a heat pump makes sense. (Darren, would you be pursuing a HP for your house if it required you to also do air sealing and beef up your insulation before it was even as option?) What latitude is there for revising this language?

Asa

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On Apr 23, 2015, at 8:44 PM, Springer, Darren  
<[Darren.Springer@state.vt.us](mailto:Darren.Springer@state.vt.us)> wrote:

FYI - committee amendment for tomorrow in Senate Natural. Removes efficiency cap and includes siting working group.

I and other still have some substantive concerns with work group but have made as much headway as I can in committee (it looks better than it did two days ago...).

For Liz and Sue - There is one change I think we should request tomorrow. There is one position on work group appointed by Gov and it is for a utility. All other positions are designated or appointed by legislature. See page 7 line 12. That seems awkward, any reason I shouldn't ask for legislature to name the utility and leave us out of it?

Thanks  
Darren

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Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** April 23, 2015  
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**Subject: H.40  
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Gentlemen,

Thank you for coming  
by this afternoon to  
share your thoughts  
on the working group.  
Please find attached  
the complete  
amendment for H.40;  
pages 6-10 address  
the working group.

If you have any  
thoughts or suggested  
edits, please commit  
them to writing and  
bring them along (20  
copies would be  
helpful to everyone in  
the room). We begin  
at 8am.

I'd also appreciate it if  
you'd email them to  
me in advance and  
even give me a call  
(802 371 8183) if  
there's a major issue  
from your point of  
view.

Best,  
--Chris

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