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7/20/2012

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To: Governor Peter Shumlin

**From: Christopher Recchia, Deputy Secretary, ANR, for:
Deborah Markowitz, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources**

Date: July 20, 2012

Subject: ANR Weekly Report

Governor Level Issues:

- **VY Discharge Permit:** Regrouping after last week, we are re-evaluating the 319 process, and options there under. We do expect to complete the technical analysis of the thermal discharge river impacts (319a) in the September/October timeframe. We will be discussing strategic options with Sarah and others about whether, when and how to role this analysis out - either independent of, or as part of, the 319(b) analysis.
- **Gifford:** Gifford seems pleased with the assistance we gave them in last Friday's meeting. It is clear they can make some minor changes in the site plan but meaningful on-site ag at this site is not possible, and they need to do a better job demonstrating to the commission what they have done to reduce impacts. I helped them see how to do that. We expect they will file a "motion to alter" with the district commission and hopefully get the changes and additional justification into the record (new evidence is not supposed to come in with the "motion to alter" but we're working with Ron Shems and Act 250 staff to see how best to accomplish that).
- **Winstanley NSSEP:** We will be meeting with project folks in advance of our meeting this afternoon. Outside the formality of the PSB process I believe we are making good progress cooperatively with the applicant on forest health issues -- seemingly the last significant environmental hurdle related to this project. We expect to issue a draft air permit shortly.
- **RTP Funding on Class IV Roads:** A heads-up that VASA & VAST are not happy with the decision of FP&R not to fund any work on Class IV roads not fully in control of the applicant for

those funds. They disagree with our interpretation of federal law and funding guidance on this. Commissioner Snyder will remain engaged with the issue.

- **Moretown Landfill:** Though we have worked very hard to find a path forward for this expansion, persistent odor problems and complaints are threatening to derail certification of this expansion. We have sent a letter to the landfill owners expressing our concern and the need for them to get these odor problems under control. More detail is below.

EVERYTHING ELSE:

Press Issues/Releases:

Vermont's 2012 Moose Auction is Open for Bids: Vermont's auction for five moose hunting permits is open until August 21. Sealed bids must be received by Vermont Fish & Wildlife by 4:30 p.m. that day.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid: We issued a press release announcing the discovery of HWA in Bennington County for the first time. Until now, it had only been found in 9 towns in Windham County. The warm winter is the suspected culprit for its northern migration.

Significant Events/Meetings:

FiberMark (Brattleboro) will be pursuing approval for use of compressed natural gas (CNG) to displace their use of No.6 fuel oil and vegetable oil fuels. We have been working with them on this but have not received an application yet.

Goddard College has proposed a central wood chip heating system to replace their numerous oil fired units. This wood boiler is below our permitting thresholds but will still be equipped with an ESP for particulate matter emission control. There has been substantial opposition to this system in Act 250 and there was a recent news article criticizing the Natural Resources Board for their processing of the application. Senators Illuzi and Anthony Pollina have both been involved. We may be required to attend the next hearing in early August to provide testimony on air issues.

NG Advantage has proposed a natural gas compression station in Milton that will fill trucks for transporting of natural gas to large customers that wish to use natural gas but are not currently on the pipeline. Natural gas availability and prices are attractive right now and several large oil users are contemplating switching to natural gas. While we have some questions and potential concerns with such a project, in general we are very much in support of such a facility as it could help transition some of our larger, No.6 oil users to a much cleaner fuel from an air pollution standpoint. Mr. Lunderville and Mr. Evslin are involved in this project.

Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Commission (VSNAP): On July 6, the VT State Geologist represented Secretary Markowitz at the VSNAP meeting in Montpelier. The focus of the meeting was Entergy Vermont Yankee's description of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) orders and information requests in response to Fukushima. These NRC orders will cover flooding, seismic, hardened containment vents, fuel

pool instrumentation among other items. Vermont Yankee (VY) is bringing in portable equipment such as power generators for redundancy. In August, NRC is expected to issue a set of orders. In the case of NRC seismic and probable maximum flood analysis guidance, VY will hire experts to address over a two year period. The State would be in a position to review such analyses as the results will be used to project any changes for the design basis of the plant. VY will also have to address "Beyond-Design-Basis External Events" - accident sequences that are possible but were not fully considered in the design process because they were judged to be too unlikely.

For a later meeting VSNAP will request ANR to make a presentation about the thermal discharge permits issues at VY.

DOH-DEC quarterly meeting: DEC and DOH and representatives from the Public Service Board participated in the quarterly meeting where the following were discussed: the implementation of S.183 (pertains to private well testing), a presentation of the Environmental Health Tracking Portal, Health Impact Assessments (their use during Public Service Board decisions), the potential for PCBs in VT schools, an upcoming public meeting on July 25 held by Grand Isle F.D. regarding the proposed use of chloration by the water supply (staff from both the DOH and the Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division will be attending this mtg), future coordination by the 2 departments regarding the Lowell Asbestos Mine, the status of the contaminated Green Mtn Compost, and salvage yards/town health officers.

MAPP: Staff participated in the Endangered Species Committee meeting where the advisability of continued lampricide treatments for the Winooski and Missisquoi Rivers was discussed.

SUMMARY OF KEY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Environmental Conservation

A final permit was issued to **North East Materials Group** for a crushing plant to be operated at the Rock of Ages Graniteville site that will also be home to a hot mix asphalt plant that is proceeding through Act250 review. The hot mix plant proposed by North East Materials Group for the same Graniteville site was issued a final permit June 15, 2012. The permit is being contested as a rebuttable presumption under Act250 and the Division will be attending the next Act250 hearing for this project July 17, 2012. The opponents have not yet appealed our air permit directly with the Environmental Court but they presumably have until July 16 to do so.

The Air Quality Division is close to issuing a formal draft permit for public comment for the **North Springfield Sustainable Energy Project**. It is in final stages of internal review. The project is a 42.5 MW gross wood fired electric generating plant.

Norwich University has submitted a permit application for the installation and operation of 2 new wood fired boilers equipped with a common ESP for controlling the particulate matter emission (similar to the wood boilers at the National Life Building). The wood fired units will displace their current use of No. 6 fuel oil. The application is proposing fuel limits that will make this a non-major modification.

The final permit was recently issued to **PPL Renewable Energy** for modifications to their carbon monoxide emission limits that were necessary due to contaminants in the landfill gas that build up in the engine and need periodic cleaning. Just as this permit was issued another application was received from PPL Renewable Energy for the installation of a 3rd engine at the site that is now viable due to increased gas production and further gas increases that would result from the Moretown landfill capacity expansion. The Moretown Landfill itself has filed permit applications with Act250, Solid Waste and us for the increased capacity expansion at the site. We just received our application last week and expect to work on it concurrently with the PPL engine expansion. In addition, the Title V renewal was just received for the NEWSVT landfill in Coventry and this application will also be worked on concurrently to ensure consistency with the landfills and gas-to-energy projects.

IBM: The initial Title V application was received from IBM June 29th. This is their initial Title V application that was necessary due to the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from their perfluorocarbon emissions that have very high global warming potentials compared to CO₂. This application is also for the formal request to increase the sulfur content of their backup No.6 fuel oil from 0.3% to 0.5%. With the general decrease in usage of No.6 oil across the Northeast, 0.3% sulfur fuel is no longer available in No.6. We contemplated requiring a switch to 0.0015% sulfur No.2 fuel oil instead of No.6 fuel but this is only a backup fuel and technical details make it infeasible to make the switch readily.

Putney Paper is also considering a switch to compressed natural gas as well as renewable diesel oil to try and transition away from the more expensive No.6 oil. An application was received last week for the use of just renewable diesel oil. A subsequent application is expected for natural gas.

Climate Change Vulnerability Workshop: The Climate Change team, with the assistance of contractor TetraTech of Montpelier, convened a meeting of over 50 technical experts from inside and outside state government to participate in a workshop intended to identify existing natural communities in lakes, rivers, wetlands and upland forests that are vulnerable to the changing Vermont climate. The opportunity to bring this group together was invaluable and there was great participation. While progress was made in each of the areas the day ended before the work could be completed. We are having discussions internally, with TetraTech and with the participating organizations to see what is the best way to follow up on the workshop.

Mandatory use of e-DEC for on-site applications: The lead team on this initiative met to continue working on issues/actions needing to be addressed to ensure that the mandatory use of e-DEC for on-site applications stays on track for implementation in December 2012.

Training organized: Staff has arranged to have 2 trainers from the University of Rhode Island/New England Wastewater Training Center to come to VT to provide 2 full days in October of professional training for licensed designers and our Regional office staff. The event will be co-sponsored by URI/DEC/VTC. Day 1 will focus on Innovative and Alternative technologies and Day 2 will focus on Bottomless Sand Filters.

Pittsford Fire District No. 1: A loan was approved for \$20,066.00 to fund the final design of improvements to their municipal water supply system located at in the Town of Pittsford. The project includes booster pump improvements, and a new waterline to connect the fire district to the

Pittsford/Florence Water Department. This new line provides service connections for the golf course and homes on Corn Hill Road which are soon to be disconnected from the Proctor Water Department.

Monitoring Programs and Funding Risk: The State Geologist is collecting information from monitoring programs in DEC, FP&R and Fish and Wildlife to determine what programs are most at risk. This is a first look at long-term monitoring programs subject to the highest funding risk. The intent is to develop a list of programs important to the State most at risk from serious reductions of federal funds.

North Country Sportsmen's Club: Meeting with board members, attorney and consultant- North Country has submitted an acceptable Environmental Stewardship Plan, but they are resisting characterizing the full extent of the contamination that has resulted from the 60 years of shooting that has been done without regard for the surrounding area. The ESP deals with modifications in the shooting area to limit offsite impacts, and mitigation of the lead that emanates or potentially emanates from the site and affects GW and Sucker Brook. We have requested that they submit a work plan that evaluates the lead contamination on adjacent property from historical practices.

PCBs in Schools: At the quarterly meeting with the VT Dept of Health, we agreed to proceed with a plan to evaluate the potential for PCBs in schools in VT. As reported last week, this potential problem has been reported in New England and New York, but VT Dept of Ed was unaware of the coverage. We will develop a plan for sampling and PSAs prior to the roll out.

Green Mountain Compost: Herbicide data continues to trickle in from Green Mountain Compost – clopyralid and picloram, two persistent herbicides, have been detected in a majority of their products and several feedstocks including yard clippings and horse manure. Sales of all products are still suspended. Other composters are concerned about the use of these chemicals in Vermont. According to the Agency of Agriculture picloram is a restricted use chemical and the Agency has no records of it being used in the state in the last several years so, it is suspected that the widespread presence of these chemicals is from illegal use. We are holding another conference call with composters and the Agency of Agriculture today where the Ag will discuss what steps they are taking to identify the source of contamination. However, they have warned that it could take months.

Food Waste Source Reduction Workshop: We have been in discussions with EPA and Vermont Technical College (VTC) to sponsor a Food Waste Reduction Workshop this fall targeted towards colleges and universities and other large generators of food waste such as supermarkets and resorts. While much of Act 148 focuses on composting and diverting organics, we think it is important to offer training to reduce waste at the start. When we approached VTC with the idea, they were enthusiastic, supportive and wanted to donate most of the resources (meeting place, advertising, registration, etc...) in addition to marketing it in a 4 part series on Applied Agriculture and Food Systems. They have invited us to be a partner in this effort because food waste is a critical component of applied agriculture and food systems.

Moretown Landfill Odors: The Program has received 6 odor complaints from landfill neighbors over the last month. Additionally, the landfill received an NOAV on April 18th which included odor violations. They had not satisfactorily controlled odors as of the Corrective Actions Progress Report dated May 16th. The persistent off-site odors are occurring despite the landfill operations staff following best management practices outlined in the facility management plan, leading Program staff to believe that the odors could be a factor of the landfill outgrowing the odor mitigating capabilities and isolation distances of the site itself; a concern that could have significant implications on the pending Cell 3 re-certification and the pending Cell

4 expansion certification. Program staff will be meeting next week to discuss the severity of Moretown Landfill's odor difficulties, and what the next steps will be.

Waterbury Complex Demolition: BGS submitted an Act 250 application but it did not include a detailed written plan for managing the materials from the demolished buildings. This project is of sufficient size that it is required to have a written plan for our review and approval.

In addition, the Solid Waste Program received a call from Environmental Ventures, a consulting firm working for BGS. There is a proposal to grind brick and mortar on site and use the material in as a concrete fill in the basement of the remaining buildings. The Health Dept (who regulate lead and asbestos abatement) and Air Division (regarding dust) have been contacted about this proposal.

Mercury Thermostats: Site visits to over 120 retail and wholesale locations participating in mercury thermostat recycling was completed this week. As usual, there are some store locations that need reminders on various aspects of program implementation, ranging from posting advertising material mailing back containers of thermostats. Overall the program appears to be running well with a little handholding, and we expect Vermont to be number one or number two nationwide in per capita collection rates.

Mercury Lamps: All parts of the manufacturer collection plan for mercury lamps have been approved. Municipal and retail locations have been mailed participation agreements and will then be enlisted in the program. Retailers will receive various size storage containers for mail back at no cost. Municipal locations will largely be done through milk runs by the manufacturers' universal waste contractor.

Gorge-18 Hydroelectric Project: The PSB held a hearing on July 12 regarding GMP's application for a Chapter 43 dam order to install crest gates on the dam. This project, because it predates passage of the Federal Power Act, is not subject to FERC jurisdiction. GMP and ANR jointly entered into the record an MOU that addresses a host of long-standing flow, fish passage, aesthetic, recreational and other issues at this project. We anticipate that the board will issue an order authorizing the crest gate installation that includes the conditions specified in the MOU. Consequently, operation of this project will now be subject to a state permit for the first time.

State/FERC MOU: Act 165 (S.148), passed in the last legislative session, requires the Dept. of Public Service, in consultation with ANR, to enter into negotiations with FERC for an MOU that would set up a process to expedite permitting of small hydroelectric projects. DPS is required to get this process underway by July 15. Earlier this week, DPS distributed a draft MOU development process proposal for comment. The proposed process is very collaborative and includes check-ins with Agency leadership before a final proposal is sent to FERC. We anticipate working closely with the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife on the actual MOU language. Our goal is to maintain the integrity of our environmental reviews while improving the process for hydropower projects that are truly low impact.

Fish and Wildlife

Education: Staff sent the FWD Teachers Course syllabus along with supporting documents to UVM continuing education for review as they have shown interest in adding the course. UVM has offered to help

keep the credit-hour cost at a level similar to the current Johnson state rate. The Department is looking forward to advancing both the course and our partnership with UVM.

Bullet hole through Warden's garage door: A Department warden recently discovered a .22 caliber bullet hole through the garage door at his residence. It is unknown exactly when the shot was fired or who fired it. He suspects it was related to a previous event that involved the killing of his goats.

Bear Trap used, Coolidge State Park: The live bear causing problems at Coolidge State Park was successfully live trapped and transported away from the area. It was released in such way as to discourage its return but time will tell if it will be successful.

Rattle Snake: One of our wardens was called to remove an endangered timber rattlesnake from a porch. Warden Sterling responded to the home and successfully caught and relocated the snake to a safer location for both the residents and the snake.

Climate Change Vulnerability workshop: Staff participated in workshop organized by ANR contractor TetraTec to evaluate habitat/species vulnerability to climate change. Because of the scope of the project, it was difficult for the group to cover the subject adequately in a single day's workshop.

Conte NWR: Staff met with Secretary Markowitz, Commissioner Snyder, Deputy Commissioner Kim Royar, and other FWD staff regarding the Conte Refuge's plans for land acquisition in Vermont. ANR has coordinated with partners to direct the focus of USFWS Conte staff to high priority areas that include Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), large habitat blocks, flood resiliency, and landscape connectivity.

Conservations Plan for Flood Resiliency: Staff met with the Secretary, Commissioner Snyder, Commissioner Mears, Commissioner Berry, VLT staff and ANR staff to discuss a land conservation plan directed at flood resiliency. This was brought to the Agency by VLT and the broader non-profit community. The next step is to organize a 1-day workshop that includes all of the players to look at what data exists, what is missing and how to prioritize reaches of rivers. The philanthropic community is very interested in funding this work.

Bats: Staff have received many bat calls and responded to citizens having conflicts with bats in their houses. The state endangered status of little brown bats adds some immediacy to VFWD response to ensure that this species is not taken in the act of excluding bats.

Bait Fish Regulations: Staff attended a Management Team meeting for the Fish and Wildlife Department to discuss the baitfish regulations that were instituted in an attempt to prevent the spread of invasive fish diseases. In January 2012, the F&W Board voted to reopen the regulations. Staff will be attending the July board meeting to begin additional discussions on this issue and investigate opportunities to modify/streamline the existing regulation.

Rapid Response Task Force (RRTF): Staff participated in a conference call with the Lake Champlain Basin Program's Rapid Response Task Force (RRTF), in response to the discovery of Spiny Water Flea in the Champlain Canal. Staff participated in a RRTF species evaluation process, to evaluate the risk the Spiny Water Flea may pose to Lake Champlain as it is highly probable that it will now invade Lake Champlain via the Champlain Canal.

Forest, Parks and Recreation

Park Attendance for the summer operating season remains about 24% ahead of 2011 and 7% ahead of 2010. There have been few serious park visitor incidents and no significant facility breakdowns.

Beach Closure: The beach at Sand Bar State Park is temporarily closed upon recommendation of the Department of Health. The lake water is being analyzed for the presence of a virus that may have caused gastrointestinal illness in 20+ reported cases of people who had visited the park since the beginning of July. Test results are due back by Friday.

Kill Kare State Park's new interpretive display has been installed in time for a legislative tour of the area scheduled for July 31 and the dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony at the annual reunion of the Kamp Kill Kare Alumni Association on August 3.

New Cottage: The new rental cottage at Ricker Pond State park is nearly complete with final site work being aided by the Vermont Works for Women/VYCC/State Parks crew.

Sweet Pond: Permitting and planning for sediment remediation from the pond on land adjoining Sweet Pond State Park can now begin as terms of the necessary access agreement have been finalized.

Wildland Fires: Most of the US is very dry, resulting in calls for wildland firefighters. Two of ANR's qualified staff traveled to Virginia with a USFS crew to work on a blaze there. Meanwhile, a fire in the Town of Groton last week is being investigated. FPR participated with equipment and technical assistance on this blaze. Vermont is still in moderate fire danger status.

Field Season: The dry weather has been beneficial for field work, although the heat makes it uncomfortable. Forest health plots, vegetation management planning and timber sale inspections, as well as road and trail work, are underway on Agency lands.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid: This exotic pest threatening eastern hemlock trees region-wide has been found in a second Vermont county. It was recently detected in Pownal in Bennington County; it had been found in several towns in Windham County over the past several years.

Project Learning Tree: Planning is underway for three workshops; two for forest landowners and natural resource professionals on July 28 in East Charleston and Bennington, and one for early childhood professionals on August 1 in Pittsford.

Mid-Season Interpreter Meeting will be held at Seyon Lodge State Park on July 18. One highlight of that meeting is a presentation by FPR snake biologist Doug Blodgett. This presentation is supporting a larger goal of helping people to hate snakes less. Interpreters will receive snake education kits, one per parks region, to help them teach people about snakes and through that instill appreciation and respect for these reptiles.



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**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM TO THE GOVERNOR**

TO: Governor Peter Shumlin
FROM: Secretary Jeb Spaulding
DATE: July 20, 2012
SUBJECT: Confidential Report to the Governor

CONNECT VT

Status of Governor's priorities:

FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Network-

VTA will have responses to Orange County Connector (fiber project) request for information from providers back on July 23, to inform the engineering of the project. We expect interest in dark fiber from multiple providers- FP, VTEL, EC Fiber, mobile carriers all possible. RFP that will address construction is already posted, due end of July to synchronize with design and engineering efforts. Keeping on a tight schedule is important to FP deployment.

FP is sharing Connect America Fund commitments that will impact additional target communities, committing 9.2 million (7 million of FP, 2.2 M FCC- confidential, not to be released until they make public), prior to VTA making next round of commitments. . This is another very positive development with FP.

VTA broadband grants on track for August 10, with intent to make a majority of the decisions. This will create a presser opportunity late August around the theme " getting the projects in the pipeline" for the unserved.

VTA developing application for an EDA grant, monies focused around Irene community recovery. We are formulating cellular roaming carrier network solution extension, overlaid on Irene impacted and Target corridors. Goal is to create an expansion of our already committed to mobility projects by Vtel and possibly Coverage Co with additional fed \$\$.

Target Community Tour-

July 11- Rupert, Pawlet: good event, small attendance, vetting unserved address list.

July 17- Bethel, Royalton, Sharon: tough event, EC Fiber opposition to Administration, VTA, etc...
Monopolized the meeting.

Remaining to be scheduled: Johnson/Lyndon; Chittenden/Pittsfield; Brattleboro/Vernon/ Guildford;

Upcoming events and press opportunities:

July 25- FairPoint VTA Jeffersonville exchange completion

August 1- VTA/ATT Bethel Tower, ground breaking- steel is on the ground

Mid August- VTA broadband grants announcement

Late August- early September Sovernet/ library/ Wide Area Network connection

VTEL- school connection

BUILDINGS AND GENERAL RESOURCES

Legislative Issues/Contacts:

Talked to Senators Hartwell, Cummings and Reps. Emmons and Donahue about the July 20, 2012 HCIC and SIC, Joint Fiscal Special Committee and Mental Health Oversight Committee meetings. Reviewed progress made on the various legislative requests. Spent a good part of the week preparing for the return of the three legislative committees.

Met with Sen. Hartwell and Rep. Emmons about revised option B. M Clasen joined the meeting.

Meeting again with the chairs in the late afternoon to anticipate tomorrow's meetings.

Communicated with Rep. Stevens regarding VSH remembrance ceremony at the WSOC.

Significant Events/Meetings:

Met with D. Cloud, City Manager of St. Albans regarding the sale of the 20 Houghton Street to the highest bidder and using the proceeds of the sale to build a new facility in downtown St. Albans. Major potential benefactor is Mylan, Inc. which would use the SOB for offices. St. Albans to respond to us with a proposal in two to three weeks. Our ground rules provide that there is adequate parking assigned to the new building and that the whole transaction is funded by the proceeds from the sale of the building

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Evolving Issues:

a. Financial Operations (FinOps) Division:

- i. **Year-End Closing** – Year end closing went remarkably well. For all intents and purposes the process has been completed with only minor administrative work remaining.

b. Budget & Management (Budman) Division:

- i. FY 2012 Carryforward Plans - As departments complete their closeout of FY 2012, they may have unexpended and unencumbered General and Special Fund appropriations. By statute, unspent appropriations are reverted to the General Fund unless approved for “carryforward” by the Commissioner of Finance & Management. Departments submit requests for authority to “carryforward” these unspent funds into FY 2013. The budget analysts are reviewing these “carryforward” requests and will make recommendations to Commissioner Reardon. Generally, preference is given to requests to use the carryforward funds for specific items such as one-time improvements or filling a potential shortfall, rather than for normal operational spending. Requests that are not approved will be reverted in the FY 2013 Budget Adjustment Bill (BAA). Later in the summer, FY 2012 close-out special fund balances will also be reviewed by the budget analysts and all or a portion of balances deemed available may be transferred via direct application to the General Fund in the FY 2013 BAA.
- ii. FY 2012 Revenue – Minor adjustment to the preliminary FY 2012 full year revenue results were made this week as the close out process wraps up. There are three major funds for which revenue is reported and estimated as part of the Consensus Revenue Forecast process – General Fund, non-dedicated Transportation Fund and non-Property Tax Education Fund. Of the three, only the Education Fund saw a change of any significance (+\$1.57 million or +0.97%) due to some late activity and the correction of a coding error. The revised FY 2012 final revenue amounts will be included in the economists’ reports and recommendations to the Emergency Board at Friday’s meeting (July 20th).
- iii. Joint Fiscal Committee – Commissioner Reardon will present the FY 2012 close-out report to the Joint Fiscal Committee tomorrow (Friday, July 20th). Deputy Zeller met with the Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) to review the close-out results prior to tomorrow’s presentation to insure both Finance & Management and JFO are “on the same page.”

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Nothing to report.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Status of Governor’s Priorities:

DHR continues to work with Secretary Spaulding on the statewide strategic plan. A statewide session to discuss the Governor’s first priority—the economy—is scheduled for July 25, 2012.

Press/Media Notes:

Commissioner Duffy spoke with Thatcher Moats regarding the unit classification procedure before the Vermont Labor Board with respect to VSP lieutenants, particularly the impact on overtime because a manager makes less overtime than a supervisor. Commissioner Duffy also provided documents requested by Mr. Moats.

Commissioner Duffy spoke with Anne Galloway regarding the press conference held by Senator Brock and the issue of overtime. Commissioner Duffy provided information to Ms. Galloway on FY12 overtime and the likely overtime resulting from Tropical Storm Irene.

General Counsel Steve Collier spoke with Susie Steimle from WCAX regarding a public records request. In that conversation, he described the work done by the DHR Investigations Unit and described generally four instances of time sheet fraud that had been investigated since the unit's inception in July 2010. He explained that those instances do not compare in scope to the Deeghan situation because they involved limited time frames and financial impact.

DHR has received numerous public records requests from the press, primarily asking for documentation on the top earners in state government, overtime for specific departments, and the impact of Irene on total overtime costs for FY12.

Significant Events/Meetings:

Commissioners Reardon and Duffy and HR Labor Relations specialist John Berard met with Mark Mitchell and other VSEA representatives regarding the Veterans' Home. Problems continue at the Vet's Home, but these appear to be personality driven in most instances. Therefore, DHR will work with VSEA to assess whether mediation could be used to bridge some of the personality issues to create a more respectful workplace. VSEA acknowledged that the Vet's Home is staffed appropriately, and that mandated overtime results from absenteeism. However, VSEA believes additional staff is necessary to create a cushion to account for this absenteeism. DHR will assess whether any issues, such as Family and Medical Leave absences and putting people on administrative leave for misconduct, might warrant the addition of staff. VSEA has indicated, contrary to its prior position, that the use of temporary employees would be appropriate to resolve staffing issues.

Evolving Issues:

Vermont State Hospital

The VSH services provided at the Springfield Correctional Facility are scheduled to be phased out by the end of August. The VSH site in Morrisville, however, is now expected to open on September 15, 2012, somewhat earlier than previously anticipated. DHR is working with VSH to hire the staff necessary by September 10th, although the total number of new employees required has not been finalized and VSH has not yet submitted necessary requests for reclassification. At this point, DHR is anticipating the need to fill at least 50 positions. DHR has put a freeze on vacant positions in the Department of Mental Health until the VSH is fully staffed.

Public Records Request from Doug Hoffer

Mr. Hoffer has made a public records request for documents pertaining to a market factor given to auditors in the Auditor's Office, including the initial analysis and efforts made to reassess the need for the market factor. DHR is in the process of compiling the documents.

The ERP Project

Commissioner Duffy is preparing a memorandum that she would like distributed by Secretary Spaulding to appointing authorities regarding the ERP expansion project. The memo would request information concerning any anticipated problems with having each employee enter his or her own time on a

computer, as well as volunteers for training and testing. Commissioner Duffy expects to have a draft of this memorandum for review this week.

Bargaining

The VTA sent Commissioner Duffy a letter asking to commence bargaining on a successor collective bargaining agreement. Commissioner Duffy will work with the Labor Relations staff to identify dates for bargaining, gather the necessary information, and develop a negotiating strategy.

INFORMATION AND INNOVATION

NOTHING TO REPORT.

LIBRARIES

Significant Events/Meetings:

Google has donated 100 computers and funding for software to Vermont public libraries and adult education sites. Vermont State Librarian Martha Reid announced the gift, which is valued at nearly \$25,000 combined.

TAXES

Legislation

Marketplace Fairness

Enzi, Durbin, Alexander and the other Senate sponsors lost on the attempt to attach this amendment to the Small Jobs Bill, but vowed to try to add this bill to every bill coming up for a vote in the Senate. Sen. Reid said this week the bill had a chance in the Senate this year.

Operations

Data Warehouse

At our monthly steering committee with the vendor RSI, we discussed where we are a year into the contract. At this point, three out of the five modernized compliance programs are up and running, and RSI staff is in the process of passing control for ongoing work to Tax staff. In general, the construction of the programs has gone smoothly and on time, although one of the last two modules is behind schedule. The programs in production are continually modified such that the percentage of no liability responses are dropping and the percentage of payments is increasing. A total of \$466,258 in "lift" (increased revenue) has been attributed to the contract. According to contract and legislation, RSI is paid 60% of this amount (this percentage declines over course of the contract), and then Tax retains 80% of the remainder for technology projects. Now that RSI is more familiar with our historic processes and our data sources, it is in a better position to estimate future contract benefits. Its revised projections show the total enhanced revenues for FY13 to total \$4.6M (before apportionment) – although this depends on the final modules getting on track. Thus far, the project has been a success.

Litigation

All three cases that the Commissioner directed staff to settle have been successfully concluded.

ETM Processing System

Since the start of the new fiscal year, the system has not been posting payments correctly in what appears to be a coding issue. The Department is trying to diagnose and fix the problem, and contemplating various work-arounds.

Training

One of our four strategic goals is supporting staff, and one of our action items is training – an area that had suffered in the recent past. We have instituted brown bag lunch discussions and sent key staff to important conferences. This past week we brought in a leading CPA education outfit to do a two day seminar covering a spectrum of tax issues, and we have sent our Asst. Director of Compliance to IRS Revenue Agent School which will allow him to better train our audit staff. Staff has been very enthusiastic about these opportunities, and we plan to look at measures for how it improves work.

To: Governor Peter Shumlin
From: Lawrence Miller, Secretary - Agency of Commerce and Community Development
Date: July 20, 2012
Re: Weekly Report

Jen, with Ann, Josh and Cindy, worked to complete the CDBG-DR Action Plan which will be submitted to HUD by the end of the week. **We got word late Thursday that HUD approved including Windham County in the targeted area, up to \$4.5 million. This will allow the CDBG-DR money to be allocated proportionately to unmet needs statewide – at least to the extent we get good applications proportionately. Jen and the CDBG folks are in overdrive Friday to update the action plan to be submitted by the end of the day with the new guidance.**

FEMA's deadline for consideration of condemnation letters is Friday. Much of the week was spent in close coordination with CVOEO's Mobile Home Project, Arthur, FEMA and Sarah London. All went to extraordinary lengths to work through issues related to the last nine cases and get them to FEMA in time.

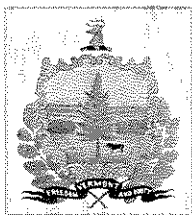
As the federal government pulls back on its support of public housing, the state's public housing authorities are struggling to maintain their 1,790 units of affordable housing and met the needs of their residents. Met with representatives of the PHAs, local housing nonprofits, VHCB and VHFA as a first step in building collaboration between PHAs and the nonprofits to steward the state's affordable housing stock in the face of diminishing resources. Plans are underway for a day-long conference bringing the two groups together in November. **If anyone has any specifics regarding the line in the 'bring it' press release about strategies for improving housing affordability please contact Lawrence ASAP.**

Friday Jen and Lawrence will meet with Lawrence and Gus Seelig of VHCB to discuss declining funding levels for the HOME Program and the challenge of covering the costs of administering the program. Lawrence will be telling them to focus on admin costs generally.

Municipal Plans and Bylaws Go Digital: Faith is working with the IT division on a system to collect and provide online access to municipal plans and regulatory documents that the towns are required to submit and the department is required and store. This change is long overdue and it will not only save the department space, but also provide staff and citizens meaningful access to these resources.

Historic Sites: The CMO joined Secretary Miller and Commissioner MacKay to visit four State-Owned Historic Sites to generate marketing, promotional and operational ideas for increased site visitation and retail sales for Calvin Coolidge, Mt. Independence, Chimney Point and Bennington Battle Monument. Additionally, the CMO's office has designed and produced new radio spots for Chimney Point, Mt. Independence, Bennington Battle Monument and Calvin Coolidge historic sites for August radio advertising schedule and a new print ad for Kids VT in the August issue.

Thursday the VT Advisory Council on Historic Preservation considered a request from the Pownal Select Board to remove Bartell's Lodge from the State Register of Historic Places and discussed it via telephone with Steve Kauppi, Chair of the Select Board. The motion to remove Bartell's Lodge from the State Register was unanimously defeated, and the building remains listed.



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Memo from Commissioner Steve Kimbell

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Report to the Governor for Week Ending 7/20/12

Health Care Reform

Commissioner Kimbell, Deputy Commissioner Donegan and four members of the Department's Exchange Team met for two hours with counterparts at BCBSVT to begin coordinating work necessary to a successful start-up of the Health Benefits Exchange next summer. A similar meeting will be held with folks from MVP Health Care in the near future. Justin Tease, a senior member of Lindsey Tucker's team at DVHA, attended the meeting to ensure continued coordination of DFR and DVHA efforts.

General Information

Banking Division:

Future of Community Banking - Deputy Commissioner Candon on Thursday attended an invitation only meeting with the Acting Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Marty Gruenberg in New York City. Seventy bankers, banker association directors, and state regulators were invited to discuss the importance and future of community banks from New England and the Atlantic states. For the past five years the focus has been on the big banks. Following the morning meeting Candon joined the bank commissioners and Acting Chair Gruenberg in a private meeting to discuss what the regulators saw as ways to preserve small banks and to get money flowing to borrowers.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) – Candon has been appointed to a committee of state regulators such as bank and securities regulators, representing credit union regulators, to work with the CFPB to determine a mechanism for the states and the CFPB to share information resulting from consumer complaints to the CFPB or the states.

Federal to State Credit Union Charter Change – (Confidential) Vermont has six federally chartered credit unions. There are twenty state chartered credit unions. Three federally chartered credit unions are exploring with the Department converting to a state charter.

The Vermont State Employees Credit Union operating as VSECU – The credit union has expanded its response to the regulatory action of the Department to include a statement on their website and newsletter to members encouraging them to email the Banking Division. The matter is now before a hearing officer under the Administrative Procedure Act; any change in the statute is for the Legislature.

Captives Division:

No new licenses were issued this week, but there was a flurry of new business inquiries and meetings. Parent companies we talked to this week included Allstate, CUNA Mutual (a re-domestication from Bermuda), Celadon Group and Griffith Labs. Griffith Labs is a food additive manufacturer.

Insurance Division:

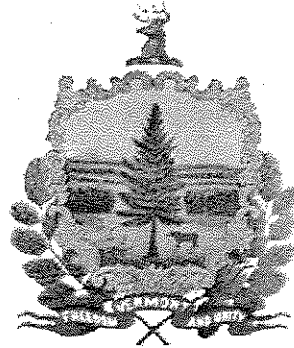
Commissioner Stephen W. Kimbell will address the National Association of Insurance Commissioners at its Commissioners' Fly-In Conference being held in Burlington July 24-25. Insurance Commissioners from all fifty states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories will convene to discuss timely topics impacting state-based insurance regulation. Deputy Commissioner of Insurance, Susan Donegan, and Deputy Commissioner of Captive Insurance, David Provost, will also represent Vermont at the proceedings.

Securities Division:

On June 26th Commissioner Kimbell issued an administrative cease and desist order against Gary J. Martel (d/b/a Martel Financial Group, Martel Financial Services, and MFG Funding), of Chelsea, Massachusetts, for engaging in the offer and sale of unregistered securities to Vermont residents.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Memo



TO: Governor Peter Shumlin
FROM: Keith W. Flynn, Commissioner
DATE: July 20, 2012
SUBJECT: Governor's Report

As you know we have been working on the timesheet fraud case and the arrest and arrangement happen on Friday. We are confident additional charges, or counts will be forthcoming. We will be continuing to check all timesheets at the Williston Barracks. We believe this is an isolated case but I have instructed VSP staff to confirm this by working with department finance and administration staff. We are also in the process of performing an IA on the supervisor of that barracks. There have been daily updates with staff and a good share of the day is taken up by this issue and public information requests.

This morning John Wood met with Patrick Berry regarding management of search and rescue. The question has come up by legislators if VSP is the best group to manage, and be in charge of search and rescue in Vermont. Our meeting today was to clarify this topic so that we are not at odds during a summer study meeting. Commissioner Berry has made it clear he does not have the resources to manage a search and rescue event, however, he is preparing to answer the questions for the committee and legislators when asked what it will take if he were asked to take it over. He is not pushing or looking to take search and rescue over. This is a topic he has discussed with Alex and I have discussed with Jeb. We both feel that a meeting with Jeb and Alex would help us be better inform and prepared to discuss this topic at the next summer study committee meeting on August 22, 2012.

Division Reports and Updates;

State Police

A-Troop

- The St. Albans Barracks had a total of nine arrests/10 charges for the week, including two for DUI and four for DLS. 12 thefts were reported this week, as well as five burglaries.
- Search & Rescue Team activation to locate a woman and 5 children lost on Camel's Hump.

- Fatal crash with single vehicle/single occupant investigated.

BCI

- Continued investigation of trooper involved taser incident in Thetford
- Follow up on Assault on a correctional officer at CRCF
- NUSI case where victim is a 2 year old. Trooper MacCallum and I interviewed the father, who has custody of the girl. He ended up describing 2 different things that he called accidents. He has not yet been arrested because he wanted to end the interview and he has not yet admitted to an intentional act, although there clearly was one. We served him a TRO in the meantime so he'll have no contact with his daughter.
- Completed Death Investigation, Huntington Gorge Drowning

B Troop

- On Sunday the 15th TPR McGranaghan was acting STIC and took a complaint of a missing suicidal 41 year old male. SGT Selby from Derby was contacted as well as the on call BCI SGT. The subject's vehicle was located in Granby and an active search is occurring. There were numerous burglaries reported scattered throughout the patrol area.
- Arrested James Cunningham for DUI after responding to a one vehicle rollover on I 91.
- Lodged Eric Walker for Aggravated Domestic Assault. Walker put a pillow over his ex-girlfriend's mouth and would not let her call 911.
- Japeth Medley was returned on Mittimus after Medley was stopped by VSP for a traffic violation.
- Coventry Landfill security detail continues.
- DUI- Reckless endangerment- subject discharged a shotgun and was later stopped for DUI while BOL was out.
- Retail theft X2 subject tried on work boots at Farmway on two separate incidents and walked out with them on. Press release put out and subject's photo was placed on VSP Facebook. Subject saw his photograph and turned himself into VSP.
- Suicidal subject walked away from residence. Later were seen entering neighbor's houses. Subject was located in NH and lodged awaiting a MH evaluation.

BCI

- Interviewed offender and 2 witnesses on an active rape case from 2010 that was previously reported back 2010.
- Worked on Jenkins Homicide
- New sex offense case came in – 14 yr old having sex with 18 yr old. Arrested Kurt Solinsky for sex assault

C Troop

- Lost Hiker/located, Mt. Tabor
- 2 lost hikers/located, Chittenden
- Assisted Rutland City PD with a large 60 person brawl outside The Local Bar
- Shaftsbury Troops conducted a number of directed patrols within Bennington County based on information gained from DDACTS.

BCI

- Assist to NIU with meth Lab investigation.
- Process evidence for uniform in felony vandalism/ Sandgate.
- Process evidence at sex assault scene for SIU/ Bennington.
- Assist in Meth lab investigation/ Sandgate.
- SCUBA – Drowning in Newport.
- New Case – assisted Middlebury PD interviewing Russian family with limited English about sexual assault.

D Troop

- Troopers dealt with incidents that lead to Trooper Gould arresting one for DC, Unlawful Trespass (2 cts), Assault on a P.O. and resisting arrest in Londonderry. Subject has mental health issues and has been escalating for some time. No serious injuries to any involved.
- Investigated the discovery of dynamite and blasting caps at a residence in Halifax. EOD was activated and removed the items.
- Assisted Brattleboro PD with arresting a wanted person on Canal Street.

BCI

- Hill Homicide follow up (evidence/finger print victim)
- Bennett Homicide follow up (Case work/prep)
- Sex offender registry compliance
- Assisted with interviews for a mental health worker suspected of having sexual relations with an inmate

TOPS

- HEAT detail in Windham County.
- Multiagency HEAT detail in the WRJ, Hartford area; met with Springfield PD/ATF on Terrick Craft fugitive for Attempt Homicide, 2 man car watch house and stop his wife, calls placed and Craft surrenders to us outside, custody turned over to SPD
- Trooper stop on Interstate 89 in Royalton for vehicle at 100 MPH and aggressive passing, Op arrested for Neg Op, occupants both had drug history and over \$1000 in cash on them, 0990 done, nothing located

- Trooper stops vehicle at 107 mph on 89 in Sharon, Op arrested for Neg Op. Wednesday
- Trooper stops MV, 0099, lone driver arrested with 1 ounce crack clenched in buttocks.
- Trooper stop on I91 with 40 bags of heroin, male arrested for second time for Heroin in two weeks.
- Two multiagency HEAT details in Brattleboro & Washington Co. areas.

ICAC

- Coventry landfill search
- Deeghan investigation
- Started and finished cases for cellular phone analysis: 12HF01423 (Agg Sex Assault/ Kidnapping),
- 12HF01883 (Sex assault on child) and 12NP01379 (Sending indecent material to minor)

Emergency Management

Issues/Updates:

- a. The EOC was activated to Level 2 on 7/17/12 for severe storms.
- b. Met with the GAR, Deputy GAR, DHR and BGS to discuss COOP and Emergency Management Planning.
- c. Conducted a DPS-wide COOP coordination meeting with each Division's appointed rep to review progress.
- d. Met with Peter Rennert (FEMA) on IMAT operations and how to best utilize the effort they bring to bear.
- e. Met with the Vermont Telecommunications Authority to assist with planning an Irene Disaster Relief Grant Proposal application.
- f. Visited the FEMA Regional Response Coordination Center in Massachusetts and met with the Region 1 Liaison Officer to Vermont along with the VT National Guard Director of Military Support and VEM Deputies.
- g. Visited the Massachusetts Homeland Security/Emergency Management Operations Center and met Undersecretary Schwartz.

General Information/Other:

- a. Met with Windham Regional Planning Commission to review the new budget process.
- b. Attended in Vermont Yankee Hostile Action Base exercise meeting hosted by New Hampshire Homeland Security/Emergency Management.
- c. Vermont Yankee has canceled the 2nd plant tour this Friday for heat safety reasons due to weather.
- d. Met with Brattleboro's grants manager to review the Town's RERP grant application.
- e. Conducted an interview with Charlotte Albright of VPR to air on August 22, 2012.

- f. Attended the Region 1 VOAD meeting in Concord, NH. Other states were very interested in the Long Term Recovery processes that are being utilized in VT.
- g. Conducted pre-award site visits with FEMA R1 for HMGP applications associated with DR 4022.
- h. SHMO conducted conference call with RPCs to discuss HMGP home buy-outs, time lines for approval, elevation certificates and related issues including stop foreclosure requests to banks and mortgage companies regarding homes involved in HMGP buy-outs.
- i. The contract for the VT Emergency Preparedness Conference for September in Killington has been approved.
- j. Represented the division in a post Irene resiliency meeting sponsored by the Irene Recovery Office.
- k. Participated in multiple JFO and Recovery Office coordination meetings and calls.
- l. The Deputy as SCO, the SHMO & EM Planner I continued to participate in the flood recovery efforts for TS Irene.
- m. The low band radio system has been installed at the alternate EOC. Testing is underway at VTANG JOC (ongoing). This provides 8 station statewide VEM low band network access at the alternate EOC and a back-up radio system for guard deployments.
- n. Joined the Enterprise GIS Consortium (EGC) and began work on relationship between VEM and this organization.
- o. Attended VCGI Round Table with many other agencies of state government and participated in a separate meeting with VEM and VCGI regarding Virtual USA.

Fire Safety

- Continuing to follow situation and closing at the Ski Inn. Assistant Atty. General headed to court this afternoon to file additional motion on contempt and to request sanctions. DFS continues to follow DPS legal Division advice to document ongoing activity.
- Ongoing discussions about IAFF Fire Ground Survival course.
- Recently concluded Swift water class has received much positive feedback.
- Jim Litevich is deployed to wild land duty with the Forest Service.
- Stop work order issued to Mountain Top Resort in Chittenden as construction has started without approved sprinkler plans.

Finance and Administration

Staff has been working on pulling together timesheets for the Deeghan investigation; this has taken a considerable amount of time from other duties. In addition, we have spent a considerable amount of time on public information requests.



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Executive Privilege

TO: Governor Peter Shumlin
FROM: Secretary Brian R. Searles
DATE: Friday, July 20, 2012
SUBJECT: VTrans - Confidential Report to the Governor

BTV Airport Changes

Mayor Weinberger has charted a course for the further review of the airport by appointing Gene Richards, the airport commission chair, as the new interim director. He will also name a "Strategic Planning Committee," consisting of 2 city councilors, 1 airport commissioner and five residents. There is no provision for state or regional representation and I think that this is related to the need to satisfy the parochial interests of the City Council and not to have it viewed as some kind of takeover of the airport or a Chamber/GBIC thing.

To ensure that the interests of the ad hoc business group that has been looking into the airport are met, Ernie Pomerleau will be named to the group as a resident member and Bob Miller will likely be reappointed to the airport commission. It is likely the Councilor Karen Paul will chair the effort.

Although I believe I could get a resident appointment if I wanted it, I'm not sure it is in yours or my best interest or that of the Mayor and the overall effort. In order to keep it a local committee in the truest sense of the word, I think we should monitor the group through Policy and Planning Director Chris Cole but not seek membership. We can respond if we are called upon. My regular presence might change the dynamic of the group in a way that is not productive. Further, it appears that John Briggs will cover this story for the Free Press and he and I do not have a good relationship.

If you think differently, let me know.

AASHTO Documentary

A reporter and film crew has been in Vermont this week from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to film an anniversary documentary of Tropical Storm Irene. They have taken much film and done interviews with a number of our staff. Further, they have talked to the Pres. Ryberg of Killington, Steve Costello of

CVPS, select board members from Stockbridge and a number of other local community members from affected areas.

Their focus is on the state transportation infrastructure and its restoration and not on other aspects of the damage, although they will likely be mentioned.

Newport Airport

Guy Rouelle, Aviation Program Manager, and I met with Bill Stenger to further discuss the Newport State Airport. Mr. Stenger and his partners have presented a proposal that will include significant additions to the airport. Mr. Stenger has asked for the pending lease to be finalized so that an announcement can be made before Labor Day.

The Aviation Program will be working closely with our Assistant Attorney General and Mr. Stenger's Chief Operating Officer to finalize the lease.

Update on Bonnie Rutledge

Bonnie is at the Fletcher Allen Rehab center and is doing well, getting physically stronger every day. She is walking the hallway, doing some stairs and seems to be adapting to using her left side rather than her right. She still tires very easily, but continues to work hard to improve physically. Unfortunately, her speech is not coming back so quickly and it's still very hard for her to communicate. I'll keep you updated.

VTStrong (S.249) Report as of – July 16, 2012

Total VTStrong Plates Manufactured = 31,035

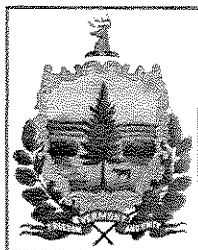
Total VTStrong Plates Sold (payment collected)	=	26,305
Total amount of plates at vendors and DMV Offices	=	4,330
Current stock of VTStrong Plates (VCI)	=	200
Current stock of VTStrong Plates (DMV Stockroom)	=	200

Total		31,035

Special note - the raw materials to print the 5ht order (5,000 plates) of VTStong plates has been received by VCI and production will begin this week.

FYI, I will be out of state from Friday at 5 PM through Tuesday, July 24 at about the same time and Rich Tetreault is Acting Secretary in my absence.

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STATE OF VERMONT
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TO: Gov. Peter Shumlin
FROM: Chuck Ross, Secretary of Agriculture
RE: Weekly Memo
DATE: July 20, 2012

Secretary's Top Issues:

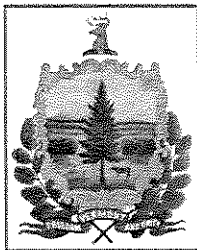
Breaking Down Silos – Agency of Ag and Agency of Human Services – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation have secure long term grant funding for vocational rehabilitation for farmers in VT. In the past, grant went to UVM Extension but overhead costs were reducing the amount of money to purchase implements for farmers. Ag and Vocational Rehabilitation have a plan to operate the program at lower staff and operating costs with more funds for purchase of implements to assist farmers in getting back to work on their farms. Would require JFO approval for the positions that would need to come from the vacancy pool. Requires hiring three staff people – one coordinator at division of vocational rehabilitation and three field staff to go to farms and work directly with farmers at Agriculture. Limited service positions but strong grant funding from Federal Government. There are many demands on the agriculture and vocational rehabilitation programs and other employees may be of greater importance in the operation of these two parts of state government. Internalizing this work to state government may affect other needs of these two departments for additional employees. The Rural Vocational Rehabilitation program has provided many benefits to farmers in Vermont. Benefits: greater outreach to all types of farms (current model only dairy), connection to EAP program (Farm First – mental health services to farms), more one stop shopping for farmers and better use of program funds. As our farming population ages many have injuries or ailments that make it difficult to continue farming – the vocational rehabilitation program for farmers can provide assistance and the purchase of implements to keep farmers doing their jobs. Would like to know your thoughts.

AAP Determination - Therapeutic Cannabis growing. The Agency issued a written opinion that a therapeutic cannabis growing operation conducted under legal authority of Chapter 86, Title 18 is not an "acceptable agricultural practice" that can benefit from the exemption to local zoning. The plain language in Title 18 precludes such an interpretation.

Compost: Agency staff collected numerous samples of a wide variety of media for analysis related to the contaminated compost at the Chittenden County Waste District. Samples of a variety of feed stocks, feeds, bedding, finished compost have been obtained from farms and composters. Samples are being shipped to an independent laboratory for analysis. The Ag lab at UVM is also performing some analyses but is hampered by equipment problems and the impending move to the Hills building.

AHS Patrick Nevers met with a supervisor from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to discuss the possibility of conducting joint inspections of commercial vehicles. The meeting went very well and inspection locations in which cattle and other livestock are likely to be hauled were discussed. Livestock haulers bringing livestock into Vermont need to comply with numerous animal health regulations in order to protect Vermont's livestock from diseases and to ensure the capability of a rapid and effective response to trace back a disease source, should a diseased animal enter Vermont.

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TO: Gov. Peter Shumlin
FROM: Chuck Ross, Secretary of Agriculture
RE: Weekly Memo
DATE: July 20, 2012

Status of Governor's Priorities:

Jobs

The Intervale Center seeks a part-time Beginning Farmer Specialist to provide project management, business planning, and agricultural training to beginning farmers throughout Vermont. An ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of business management concepts, direct experience in diversified agriculture and a passion for teaching. This position requires strong project management skills, a degree in agricultural development or related field and at least 2 years experience in agricultural development, business development, or management of a farm business.

Press

Secretary Ross appeared with Mr. Shipman on WDEV on Monday morning. WPTZ story on Tuesday's visit to the Intervale, and the Specialty Crop Block Grant they received. Lynn Monty (BFP) tweeted from Tuesday's tour.

Media inquiries. This week VAAFM received several media inquiries about the 2012 maple sugar season results. Although Vermont led the nation, we saw a steep decline in production due to the weather versus previous years. The CSWD compost contamination continues to be a subject of interest. VAAFM is working closely with the Department of Health and CSWD to communicate results and action steps to the public as new information becomes available.

Marketing: VAAFM is working closely with ACCD and the Vermont Food Bank to plan for the upcoming apple season and the "Pick for Your Neighbor" campaign, which encourages pickers to donate extra apples to needy Vermonters. ACCD is taking the lead on planning a press conference to kick off the event in September. In support of National Farmers Market Week (8/5-10), VAAFM is working closely with partners at NOFA (Organic Farmers Assoc) to plan events and promotions to build awareness -- most notably a press event where the Congressional delegation visits their local market to help farmers sell their goods (GPS will not be available that week but we are working with staff to find ways he can be involved in absentia.)

VAAFM continues to forge forward on the website relaunch. A master template has been nearly finalized.

Significant Events/Meetings:

Monday, July 16 – Tuesday, July 17: USDA Ag Marketing Service Administrator David Shipman Toured VT. The Agency will be hosting USDA AMS Administrator David Shipman in Vermont. The tour included stops at High Mowing Seeds, the Food Venture Center, Pete's Greens, Healthy Living, the Intervale, Fletcher Allen Health Care, and the Old North End Farmers' Market in Burlington. Press coverage described below.

Animal Health Specialist Darryl Kuehne investigated a tissue residue from a dairy farm in Lamoille Co that shipped a veal calf for slaughter with neomycin in the kidney. The residue was almost twice the acceptable level. Isaac Carney FDA Investigator accompanied the inspection and completed an audit of the inspection

Assistant state veterinarian participated in an oral exam given by the members of the Humane Euthanasia of Animals Advisory Board to a humane society employee seeking certification as a Certified Euthanasia Technician. Dr. Mehlenbacher serves as the VAAFM representative on the board and will also be part of a sub-group who will work to update the policies and procedure, including oral and written exam protocols, for the board.

Drs. Haas and Mehlenbacher met with Dr. Erica Berle with VDH to prepare an animal health scenario/description for the Vermont 2012 Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) to be submitted to Vermont Emergency Management. A foot-and-mouth disease outbreak was decided upon as it meets the criteria of the worst-case, yet still plausible, Threat/Hazard description.

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Evolving Issues:

Animal Health Specialist worked with the horse/pony superintendent for the Connecticut Valley Fair in regards to the drug testing kit, which is provided by the Animal Health Section. The Animal Health Specialist informed the superintendent that the fair did not have a veterinarian, and that an accredited veterinarian would be needed to perform the drug testing. Drug testing on horse/pony pulls ensures legitimate pulls without the use of performance enhancing drugs, which are illegal in such events in Vermont.

The pre-hearing and hearing for an AOD violator has been scheduled for August and the notification let has been sent out via certified mail. Shelley Mehlenbacher, Darryl Kuehne, and Diane Zamos will attend.

AH met with Diane Zamos to discuss administrative penalties and the criminal penalties associated with pet merchant violations to help AH solidify protocols in this area. AH is also looking into a matter of consumer fraud associated with the forgery of a veterinary signature.

Summary of Key Agency Department Activity:

Administration

Act 118 (S.179) Conservation Easement Legislative Study Group. Agency legal counsel attended the all day first meeting of the required study group. Bob Klein of The Nature Conservancy volunteered and was elected Chair. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for: August 20 (9am - 1 pm); September 17; October 15; November 19, and December 17. The Agency will likely be called upon to present at the August 20 meeting, along with VHCB and VLT, on how the co-holders currently handle amendment requests, including policies that guide decision-making.

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In re: Charlotte Solar, PSB#7844. Agency legal counsel filed a letter of comment for the Public Service Board's consideration, but not a formal briefing. There is significant neighbor opposition to the project, which is proposed for a portion of a very large field in Charlotte currently in hay production.

The Agency provided comments on ACT 250 cases in the towns of Waterbury and Milton.

Agricultural Development

Invitation to Governor and Congressional Delegation to participate with Secretary Ross in National Farmers Market week event (August 5-11, 2012)

- VAAFM, NOFA-VT, and VT Farmers Market Association invited congressional delegates, Governor, and Secretary Ross to attend a VT farmers market and help a local vendor sell their product
- 3 proposed market locations and dates
 - Norwich Farmers' Market on Saturday August 4th from 9-1 to kick off the week,
 - Putney Farmers' Market on Sunday August 5th from 12-3, or
 - Waterbury Farmers Market on Thursday August 9th from 3-7 pm

Meeting with representatives from 2 retail food co-ops

- Representatives from City Market (Clem Nilan) and Co-op Food Stores (Terry Appleby) came to meet with Secretary Ross and Abbey Willard
- Intent of meeting was to demonstrate
 - Co-ops are good entry points for many new local ag products and they want to be more of an entry point moving forward
 - Retail food co-ops want to help identify and import local substitutions to products sold at co-ops that can and are being grown in VT but not currently sold at stores
 - Co-op's are willing to help facilitate this relationship with growers
- Promotion and marketing research project done at Dartmouth College for Co-op Food Stores found that if a product or a business is viewed as 'socially responsible', they can demand a premium price for their products
- Retail food co-ops are able to sell more local food products. Demand does not need to be created, it already exists. Supply is the need.
- Discussed that the Neighboring Food Coop Association of all 19 co-ops in VT should help market the impact of local food co-ops on community-based agriculture
 - They will work to present their statistics (% local sales, number of members and customers, best practices, outreach to ag community strategies)

Food Safety and Animal Health and Consumer Protection

Dan Scruton, Dairy Section Chief has been at the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials (NADRO) this week meeting with his counter parts from around the country. He reports that discussions on somatic cell count regulations in the United States and the EU show that this is a difficult issue to come to consensus on. Also a point of major discussion was the use by industry of un-validated drug tests. This has caused potential problems in all the states represented. To date, no positives have occurred from industry using these tests but if one does it is not clear what needs to be done from a liability standpoint. There is consensus the milk will not be allowed to go to market but the normal procedures followed when a positive occurs using validated tests will need to be altered.

Automatic (Robotic) milking systems were discussed and it is clear Vermont is way ahead of most (including FDA) of the country on automation. We currently have 17 automatic milking stalls operating on 7 different farms with 2 more farms adding systems by fall.

There was a consumer complaint on cheese that was manufactured in Vermont but had been packaged by a third party out of state. It appears the problems the Maine laboratory found were post packaging and not a problem

with the Vermont plant but our head plant inspector, Greg Lockwood, visited the plant to met with the plant manager and Dan Scruton discussed the situation with the company official that was attending the NADRO meeting. They both went over what we know to date and we have offered our assistance to FDA on the investigation if needed. The plant expressed appreciation to us for letting them know.

Animal Health Specialist conducted three annual livestock dealer inspections and attempted to make arrangements with other livestock dealers to set up times for inspections. One of the primary rolls of the Animal Health Specialist is to maintain compliance among the state's licensed livestock dealers. Conducting annual inspections is one method of maintaining compliance. Conducting annual inspections also enables the Animal Health Section the opportunity to conduct outreach, such as educating livestock dealers about new regulation changes.

AHS Darryl Kuehne reports from the Addison Co. Commission Sales: the sales of dairy slaughter cows sold 5.00-6.00 lower compared to last Monday's sale; Holstein bull calves sold sharply lower, instances to 40.00 lower and more.

AH staff held a conference call with VT dairy coops and local USDA VS personnel to discuss and move forward with the dairy farm readiness surveys. Coop field staff has volunteered to visit farms in their territory to administer the surveys, along with VS and AH staff. The calls and farm visits should start later this month.

Agricultural Resource Management

Vermont Egg Farm: agency staff inspected the Vermont Egg Farm in response to one neighbor observing more flies than normal. Manure transfer was checked as well as the manure storage area. Manure is being transported within the 10 day interval required by the permit. Fly control is being managed with two bait products. Observations of the manure storage area confirmed that manure is being transported regularly. Observations also confirmed a low presence of larval and pupal activity in the manure storage area. Adult fly presence was typical for this type of operation. No observations were made of increased fly activity or non-compliant manure management.

Compost: Agency staff collected numerous samples of a wide variety of media for analysis related to the contaminated compost at the Chittenden County Waste District. Samples of a variety of feed stocks, feeds, bedding, finished compost have been obtained from farms and composters. Samples are being shipped to an independent laboratory for analysis. The Ag lab at UVM is also performing some analyses but is hampered by equipment problems and the impending move to the Hills building.

Lab Hazardous Waste: Pickup of remaining hazardous waste at the Waterbury lab is scheduled for Monday. Work on the Hills Building is proceeding on schedule and is anticipated to be complete by the August 1 deadline.

Secretary's Comments

Secretary Ross met with representatives of Ben & Jerry's for an update on the Caring Dairy Program. This program provides dairy farmers with a premium to complete an assessment of sustainable ag practices, provide and compete a work improvement plan and attend two workshops on topic areas indicated by the assessment that need improvement. Ben & Jerry's is adding metrics and key performance indicators to the program. The caring dairy program could have great implications for the dairy industry in Vermont to move from a production based to a profit based model – using the assessment, metrics and key performance indicators to move farmers to move sustainable practices. Ben & Jerry's is willing to share the assessment to be used by farmers in the state. Also could have broad marketing implications. Secretary Ross and Miller are discussing the potential of the marketing of this type of program for VT milk and farms.

Secretary Ross was on the Across the Fence program to promote the Farm First Program that assist dairy farmers with multiple issues of stress and family issues. In times of low milk prices, use of this program increases dramatically. This program was a reminder to dairy farmers that this program exists and that it is there to assist.

Secretary Ross met with representatives of two food marketing co-ops – City Market and Hanover Food Co-op. The leadership of these two co-ops state that they can market more locally grown products at a premium price.

Secretary Ross met with representatives from the hard cider industry in Vermont. There are many federal issues around this industry on taxation and classification of the products that are adversely affecting our local industry. Secretary Ross provided a road map for the industry to work toward federal changes that would assist the industry.

Secretary Ross attended a VEDA board meeting.

Secretary Ross met with Efficiency Vermont to review programs associated with agriculture to reduce energy use.

Secretary Ross met with representatives of the Champlain Valley Exhibition to discuss upcoming events and potential for Vermont Farm Show next January.

Privileged and Confidential
Memorandum

To: Peter E. Shumlin, Governor
From: Douglas A. Racine, Secretary of Human Services
Re: AHS Weekly Report
Date: July 20, 2012

Vermont Department of Health (VDH)

Update on Chittenden Center - Hub Location. Howard Center has signed a lease for 364 Dorset Street as the new location for the Chittenden Clinic and the Twin Oaks Counseling Center. This location will be the site for the future "hub".

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

1. Brattleboro Retreat. The Retreat passed its CMS review with flying colors, and no deficiencies. The review not only included the two conditions of participation that had been found out of compliance but 9 additional complaints that had been submitted, including several from Rep. Donahue.
2. The bed supply remains exceedingly tight, with several people this week waiting in ER's, but the situation is under control.
3. The Department is ramping up planning for Morrisville, due to open in mid-September, including training and assignment of staff.
4. The Department has made great progress reducing the use of metal shackles in transporting mental health patients, basically from 75% last year to presently about 35%.
5. A communication protocol between designated agencies and Vermont State Police is being finished this week, with training to follow.

Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)

Ongoing Issues:

Adult Protective Services Litigation. The discovery phase has been launched and the Director of Licensing and Protection is working with the AGs office to provide data as directed. The attorneys will also seek relief for some of the more burdensome demands. At the same time, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs has responded positively to our desire to meet and discuss their settlement proposal, but their actual willingness to settle remains in doubt. We will not know their true intent until we sit down.

Legislature. Commissioner Wehry testified before the Health Care Oversight Committee this week on Adult Protective Services and on plans for investment of unobligated funds in the Choices for Care program. The Committee appreciated learning of the progress being made in fully implementing the new Harmony data system and looks forward to receiving more data as it becomes available.

The Committee will be sending written comments on our reinvestment strategy (support for family caregivers through increased wages, strengthening provider network, supporting area agencies on aging) but in general was in agreement with the investments. They were less positive about the intent to maintain a reserve as protection against implementing a waitlist in the future. Despite an aside or two about the veto, Senator Ayer observed the exchanges seemed less confrontational and said the relationship was improving during a follow-up call.

Evolving Issues:

Brattleboro Retreat. Brattleboro Retreat has corrected its deficiencies and is now in full compliance with the CMS conditions of participation. CMS will post a notice in the Brattleboro Reformer that it is withdrawing the termination of participation.

Department of Corrections (DOC)

Press Issues/Releases/Contacts:

WCAX & Other Media. The DOC has two media stories this week that appear to have been generated from an informal conversation that Commissioner Pallito had with Gordon Bock, former DOC client and current offender advocate. The first story had to do with the Corrections Citizen's Advisory Group (CCAG). Commissioner Pallito sent the following email to the group earlier this week:

There is a fair amount of media circulating about my recent email to the CCAG. First, I want to be clear, I am not generating the media interest in this story and am unclear as to how so many reporters are finding interest in this issue. I have only spoken to one media outlet, the Associated Press. In that interview, I only quoted what I wrote in my email response last week.

I will restate my intention so that it is clear. A couple of members have expressed concern to me over the past year that the CCAG is not abiding by its original purpose, and that the meetings have become unproductive (their words, not mine). Given these comments, I made the decision to put the CCAG on hold, including the website and other associated items.

In the meanwhile, I have spent some time over the past few weeks trying to understand the genesis of the CCAG better and to compare to other CCAG's that may exist. It will take more time to do this research and my goal is to deliver a plan to the Corrections Oversight Committee at their September 17th meeting for my design of the CCAG or to accomplish the work product assigned to the CCAG when it was originally envisioned. I hope this clears up any confusion. I will update the COC on Thursday with this same information.

The second story has to do with the non-renewal of the contract with the Franklin County Massachusetts Sheriff. In short, it was our decision to not renew the contract and we notified the Franklin County Sheriff in June. This was based on a couple of factors. First, after the incident, there was considerable discussion publicly about the inadequacies of the facility. Some were unfounded though. For instance, it was written in the media that it is an old facility. This isn't true. Our people were housed in a facility that is state of the art and only a few years old. I have seen it stated that there was no outdoor recreation yard. Also not true. Granted the yard does not mirror our recreation yards in Vermont but there was outdoor space with basketball court.

In the end, while, as a State, we were trying to reconcile all of the discussion and ascertain how best to proceed, the Franklin County Sheriff signed a contract with the Feds which limited our number of beds to 50. At that point, it didn't make sense for us to continue our relationship with them.

We subsequently issued an RFP for additional beds closer to our borders and received no satisfactory proposals. At this point we are only housing out of state with CCA.

Significant Events/Meetings:

Drug Policy Alliance. At their request, Commissioner Pallito met with the Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance group from NYC. The conversation focused on how the DOC handles people living in the community who are using. Commissioner Pallito explained our graduated sanctions program with the ultimate sanction being incarceration. The Director asked if the DOC would consider never using a sanction against someone who is using. This presents an interesting public policy discussion and has ramifications across law enforcement as well as the DOC. Commissioner Pallito asked the Director's opinion on what alternative sanctions look like. This may be a good area of discussion at the AHS level, between VDH and DOC.

Population. The department has seen a steady increase in the female population in recent weeks. Significant in this is the detention population being in the high 30s to middle 40s. The male detention population has remained high at the 350 to 360 mark. The overall population has climbed to just below the 2100 mark.

Department for Children and Families (DCF)

Evolving Issues:

Death Match. Over the past two weeks we have discussed an on-going investigation by the Auditor's office into the scale and scope of economic benefits being issued to deceased individuals.

This administration inherited a deeply damaged IT infrastructure. Some of these errors go back as far as the 1990s.

The Auditor's office and DCF IT staff performed a detailed analysis of a significant sample size. This revealed problems with 3SquaresVT, health care and fuel benefits. We have learned that

while it is a rare occurrence, the sample cohort included one case where we continued to send SNAP benefits to a client's EBT card. However, there were no financial consequences as the EBT account had not been accessed since the client's death. The benefits will be returned to the department following the normal inactivity period. In the health care cases identified in the sample, no activity was recorded on the clients' health care cards. Some of these clients could be in managed care which means we may be paying capitation fees to doctors until the case records are corrected.

Of approximately 190,000 open economic services cases, about 200 had incorrect death date information (one tenth of one percent of cases) – they were in the system as open cases after their death date. The investigation indicated this is a result of combined IT system failure and human error. While the scale of this particular problem is minor, we are vulnerable to claims that – since the 1990s – we have issued benefits to a small number of deceased Vermonters.

The solutions are two fold: Primarily, IT programming is needed to improve the interface of fuel assistance to SSA data the state receives. If a person is only on fuel assistance we need a trigger to investigate the case. Other IT changes are needed to reduce the likelihood of human error. Additionally, staff need additional training and on-going supervision to recognize the data triggers and to respond in a timely manner.

This administration can take credit for addressing a long-term problem that is only now coming to our attention. And while the financial and other consequences for this have not been significant, we are committed to resolving it.

Farmers' Markets. Vermont's Farmer's Market EBT program began with three markets in 2007. It has steadily grown to 37 markets in 2011, with total sales of \$69,000. In 2012, Vermont's program funded EBT equipment and associated costs for four new markets, bringing the total number of markets accepting EBT to 41. This is almost half of the markets in the state.

The National Farmer's Market EBT Workgroup was co-founded by DCF's Ames Robb and which has led the forum on this discussion. While the growth has been commendable since its inception, there is still room for expansion. The Farmer's Market Coalition has written a letter to the USDA with recommendations on how to further extend the program.

Vermont's continued growth in this area will require more flexibility with FNS funding, opportunities for creative outreach, and staff resources.

Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Status of Governor's Priorities:

Act 48 Finance Plan Meeting. Wednesday DVHA held a meeting with UMass (contractor) to kick off discussions around the Act 48 finance plans.

Health Care Reform meeting with the Governor. On Wednesday, Mark Larson and others from the Agency of Administration met with the Governor to talk about the timeline for implementation of Green Mountain care and discussion of the development of financing plans.

Legislative Issues/Contacts:

Health Care Oversight Committee. Mark Larson, Hunt Blair, and Steve Maier testified at the Health Care Oversight Committee on Tuesday regarding Health Information Technology and the exchange of clinical health information.

The Committee asked for an update on why the electronic health records (EHR) are having issues exchanging data across different platforms. DVHA has also been working with individual Blueprint for Health sites to address this concern and is committed to developing a long-term proposal for addressing the problem statewide.

Significant Events/Meetings:

Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Board meeting. The newly merged Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Board met for its first meeting at the Department of Vermont Health Access on Monday, July 16. Members of the board, staff from DVHA, DCF, DAIL, and DFR, and a number of interested parties attended. There are 30 board members, appointed by the Commissioner of DVHA; the two co-chairs are Kay VanWoert, the immediate past chair of the MAB, and Bram Kleppner, a representative of small business. The board began by discussing its goals and adopting a temporary Operating Manual; then Commissioner Mark Larson spoke about the past work of the two previous boards, followed by staff giving updates on the Telemedicine Initiative, Exchange progress, and essential health benefits and plan designs for the Exchange; and the meeting concluded with a discussion by the board on future work groups.

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). Mark Larson and Jeb Spaulding met with Frank McDougal from DHMC on Tuesday to discuss their request for an increased reimbursement. DHMC plans to submit additional follow up questions to DVHA which we will respond to.

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM TO GOV. PETER SHUMLIN

From: Susan Spaulding, Appointments to Boards & Commissions
Date: July 20, 2012
RE: Boards and Commissions Update

NOTES:

Working Lands Enterprise Board: I will contact Amanda Thurber and see if she is interested in serving.

Developmental Disabilities Council. I will call Fred Bruning in Brattleboro and see if he is interested in serving. Actively recruiting for 3 vacancies.

Snowmobile Advisory Council: Will ask Phil Scott for suggestions. I will also call Chairman Dubreuil and get more information about the person resigning from VAST.

Appointments made July 20, 2012

Medical Practice Board:

APPOINTED: Patricia Hunter, Rutland Town

Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports:

APPOINTED: Jason Carriveau, Morrisville

State Police Advisory Commission

REAPPOINTED: Tom Crowley, South Burlington

Tobacco Evaluation & Review Board:

REAPPOINTED: Gregory MacDonald, MD, East Montpelier

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council:

APPOINTED: Mourning Fox, East Montpelier

APPOINTED: Mark Depman, MD, Northfield

Gang Activity Task Force:

APPOINTED: Timothy Bombardier, Richmond

Justice of the Peace, North Hero:

APPOINTED: Susan Davis, North Hero

Justice of the Peace, Town of Bethel:

APPOINTED: Bennett Law, Bethel

Standards Board for Professional Educators:

APPOINTED: David Larsen, Wilmington

DAIL Advisory Board:

REAPPOINTED: Sarah Launderville, Williamstown

APPOINTED: Linda Berger, Montpelier

State Infrastructure Bank Board:

REAPPOINTED: Robert M. Bishop, St. Johnsbury

REAPPOINTED: Frederick Bullock, Rockingham

Commission on Successful Aging:

APPOINTED: Norma Raymond, East Montpelier

APPOINTED: Dawn Philibert, Williston

Victims Compensation Board:

REAPPOINTED: Margaret Joyal, Burlington

Vermont Economic Development Authority :

APPOINTED: Will Patten, Hinesburg

Interagency Coordinating Council for Families, Infants & Toddlers:

APPOINTED: Gary DeCarolis, Burlington

REAPPOINTED: James Austin, Alburgh

Special Education Advisory Council:

APPOINTED: Christine Kilpatrick, Burlington

APPOINTED: Carol Geery, Clarendon

REAPPOINTED: Margaret Wilson, Shaftsbury

REAPPOINTED: Michael Giangreco, Richmond