

2019-2020 Session

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House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

(Room 32)

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

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Friday, January 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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10:00 AM	Security Training
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Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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Introductions and Update

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Stephanie Smith, Land Use Chief, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

2:00 PM	Agriculture Issues
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Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on
Rural Development

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM Agriculture Issues

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

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Forests, Parks and Recreation

Introductions and update

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

10:00 AM Farm to Plate Report

Room 10

Kristyn Achilich, Academic Program Coordinator, The Farm at St. Michael's College

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

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator, UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Taylor Foster, Certified AICP Planner, CSA Manager, Pete's Greens

Mary Ellen Franklin, Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship Education Program Coordinator, UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger Free Vermont

Mary Niebling, Community Economic Development Director, Capstone Community Action

1:00 PM

House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

H. - An act relating to the regulation of farming in wetlands

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

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

Ryan Patch, Senior Agriculture Development Coordinator, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief, Department of Environmental Conservation

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Vermont Fresh Network
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Helen Labun, Vermont Fresh Network

9:30 AM	Vermont Farm Bureau
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Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Bernie Juskiewicz, Vermont Farm Bureau

10:00 AM	Council of State Governments
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Tara Eric
Bob Haefner

10:30 AM	Rural Vermont
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Introductions

Caroline Gordon, Intern, Rural Vermont
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Field Organizer,
Rural Vermont

11:00 AM Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Marie Audet, Farmer, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition
Jeff Carter, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, UVM Extension
Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer
Coalition

1:00 PM Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

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Immediately following adjournment of House Floor

2:00 PM Act 250 and Agricultural Land

Also a dairy update

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

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

3:00 PM Vermont Legal Aid

Introduction

Wendy Morgan, Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Julia Shaw, Health Care Policy Analyst, Office of the
Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

3:30 PM Clean Water Report

Emily Bird, Assistant Program Manager, Nonpoint
Source Coordinator, Vermont Clean Water Initiative
Program, WSMD, Department of Environmental
Conservation

Friday, January 18, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor	Hemp Cary Giguere, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets Stephanie Smith, Land Use Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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11:00 AM	Vermont Legislative Research Service (VLRS)
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Anthony Gierzynski, Director, Vermont Legislative
Research Service

11:30 AM Budget Memo Discussion

*Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets Budget
considerations*

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	Vermont Farm Bureau
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Farmer introductions

Paul Doton

Sara Griswold

Terry Gulick

Chip Hellus, 2nd Vice President, Vermont Farm Bureau

Jennifer Lambert

Roger Osinchuk
Murray Thompson
Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau
Anne Tisbert,
Regina Wallace
Mary White

2:00 PM Wood Products

Pellets

Chris Brooks, Owner, Vermont Wood Pellet Company

2:30 PM Governor's Proposed FY2019 Budget Adjustment

Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

3:00 PM Agritourism

Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm

3:30 PM Food Systems

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

Andy Kehler, Owner, Jasper Hill Farm

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Food Systems
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Robin Morris, Mad River Food Hub

9:30 AM	Farm to Institutions
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Abbey Willard, Director, Agricultural Development
Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:00 AM	Food Systems
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Vermont Farmers Food Center

Greg Cox, Owner, Boardman Hill Farm

10:45 AM	Break
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11:00 AM	Dairy Update
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Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance
Farmer introductions

Bill Rowell, Chair, Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

1:00 PM House Floor

15 Hemp
minutes

after
Floor

Cary Giguere, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
Caroline Gordon, Intern, Rural Vermont
Netaka White, Consultant

2:30 PM Ecological Services

Mike Bald, Founder and Owner, Got Weeds?

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing
& Conservation Board

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

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing &
Conservation Board

9:30 AM Dairy Commission Report

*Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Ethan Allen Room*

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

10:30 AM Farmers Watershed Alliance

Introductions

Darlene Reynolds, President, Farmers' Watershed
Alliance

11:30 AM Green Mountain Dairy Farmers

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

1:00 PM House Floor

2:00 PM Governor's 2019 FY Budget Address

House Chamber

3:00 PM Act 250 Commission Updates

Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair, Act 250 Commission

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Definition of Milk
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9:30 AM	House Floor
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10:00 AM	Agriculture Environmental Stewardship
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*Joint Hearing with House Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife Committee, Senate Agriculture Committee, and Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee
Room 11*

Jeff Carter, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, UVM Extension

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension

Josh Faulkner, UVM Extension

Tim Kayhart, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition

Jack Lazor, Owner, Butterworks Farm

Scott Magnan, Franklin and Grand Isle Farmer's
Watershed Alliance

Amy Richardson, Connecticut River Watershed Farmers
Alliance

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

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

1:00 PM Hemp

*Joint Hearing with House Commerce and Economic
Development
Room 11*

Dave Barash, CEO, Luce Farm
Brenden Beer, Owner, Kitchen Cabinet Medicinals
Dan Chang, Owner, Kria Botanicals
Carl Christianson, Owner, Northeast Processing
Bill Lofy, Owner, Kria Botanicals
Joe Pimentel, Owner, Luce Farm
Amy Skelton, Owner, Kitchen Cabinet Medicinals
David Zuckerman, Farmer

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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- **Governor's Proposed FY2019 Budget Adjustment**

1:00 PM

Committee Discussion and Planning

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

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Agricultural Finance

Jo Bradley, CEO, Vermont Economic Development
Authority

Cassie Polhemus, Chief Operating Officer, incoming
CEO, Vermont Economic Development Authority

9:30 AM

Hemp

Stephen Polak, CFO, Colomont Inc.

10:00 AM

Hemp

Eli Harrington, Founder and COO, Heady Vermont

10:30 AM

Break

10:45 AM

Local Food

Food Cooperatives

Kari Bradley, General Manager, Hunger Mountain Coop

11:15 AM

Investments in Clean Water Technology

John Hollar, Lawyer, Downs Rachlin Martin

Trey Martin, Lawyer, Downs Rachlin Martin

1:00 PM

Floor Convenes

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

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

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing &
Conservation Board

5:15 PM

Vermont Farm Show

Capital Cookoff

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Dairy Update

Bissonnette Room at the Essex Fairgrounds

Vermont Farm Show

Diary Dinner following

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

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

10:45 PM Wetlands

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

11:15 AM Committee Discussion and Planning

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

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	H.81 - An act relating to the definition and sale of milk
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Beth Bradley, PhD, UVM

EB Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

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

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

Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers
Association

2:00 PM	H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber harvesting equipment
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Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation
Jedidiah Randall, Owner, Treetop Equipment Repair
Rep. Theresa Wood, Sponsor of Bill, .

3:00 PM Wetlands

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel
Ryan Patch, Senior Agriculture Development
Coordinator, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council

*Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Room 10*

Ruth Blauwiekel, University Veterinarian, University of
Vermont

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

Jane Clifford, Lobbyist

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

10:00 AM Farm to School

*Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 10*

Lucy Bertram, Student, Newbrook Elementary School

Jim Birmingham, Food Service Director, Montpelier
Public Schools

Rebecca Bishop, Assistant Director, Bennington County
Head Start & Early Head Start

Peter Burmeister, Owner, Burelli Farm

Opal Carney, Student, Green Mountain Technology and
Career Center

Emilie Choquette, Student, Green Mountain Technology
and Career Center

Isabel Erickson, 3rd Grade Student, Newbrook
Elementary School

Ginger Farineau, Nutrition Initiatives Specialist, Hunger
Free Vermont

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

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

Abbie Nelson, Co-Director, VT Food Ed. Every Day &
Education Director NOFA-VT

Chris Parker, Food Service Director, Newbrook
Elementary School

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

Sam Rowley, Educator, Green Mountain Technology
and Career Center, Hyde Park

Calvin Smith, Student, Green Mountain Technology and
Career Center

Harley Sterling, Food Service Director, Windham
Northeast Supervisory Union

Remington Vogan-Schneider, Student, Green Mountain
Technology and Career Center

Barrett Williams, Principal, Sharon Elementary School

Wyatt Williams, 5th Grade Student, Flood Brook School

1:00 PM House Floor

15 Farm to Plate Reauthorizat

minutes
after
Floor

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

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

3:00 PM Fee Bill

Committee discussion

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Hemp Processing Center Proposal

*Joint hearing with House Commerce and Economic
Development Committee and Senate Agriculture
Committee
Ethan Allen Room*

David Muller

10:15 AM

H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

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

Betsy Rosenbluth, VT FEED, Vermont Farm to School
Network

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

11:00 AM

Center For an Agricultural Economy

Introductions

Bethany Dunbar, Community Programs Manager,
Center for an Agricultural Economy

Daniel Keeney, Business Manager, Center for an
Agricultural Economy

11:30 AM Vermont Cheese Council

Tom Bivins, Executive Chef, Vermont Cheese Council

1:00 PM House Floor

15 minutes after Floor Agridourism

Wendy Knight, Commissioner, Department of Tourism and Marketing, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

2:30 PM Vermont Dairy Industry History

Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Daniel Smith, Esq

Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

Salvation Farms

Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms

10:30 AM

Wetlands

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

Ryan Patch, Senior Agriculture Development
Coordinator, Agency of Agriculture, Food and
Markets

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

House Floor

following

Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM

Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Bob Fischer, Water Quality Superintendent, South Burlington

David Mears, committee member, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Bethany Sargent, Lake Champlain Outreach Coordinator, Watershed Management Division

Jeff Wennberg, Public Works Director, Rutland

1:45 PM Tax Policy

taxation of CBD

Will Baker, Director of Legal Unit, Department of Taxes
Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management

2:00 PM Committee Discussion and Planning

Definition of Milk
Farm to Plate Reauthorization
Farm to School Grant Assistance
Salvation Farms

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Fee Bill and Governor's Budget Provisions Related to Agriculture
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Committee discussion

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management

10:00 AM	Farm to Plate Reauthorizat
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Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

10:45 AM	Break
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11:00 AM	Regenerative Agriculture
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*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Ethan Allen Room*

Jesse McDougall, Studio Hill Farm

1:00 PM	House Floor
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15 minutes	Fee Bill
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**after
Floor**

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

2:30 PM

Wetlands

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

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

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

3:00 AM

Biochar

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

**H.158 - An act relating to standards for the care of
domestic pets**

Rep. Tommy Walz, Sponsor

9:30 AM Vermont Feed Dealers

Caroline Potter, PRO-Dairy
Jim Walsh, Phoenix Feeds
Rick Zimmerman, Executive Director, Northeast
Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

10:00 AM Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Budget Overview

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

11:00 AM Farmer Coalitions

Pilot Project for ecosystem services

Marie Audet, Farmer, Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition
Jeff Carter, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, UVM Extension
Ben Dykema, Owner, Wilcon Farm
Larry Gervais, Farmers Watershed Alliance
Walter Gladstone, Owner, Newmont Farm
Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension
Jeffrey Sanders, UVM Extension

1:00 PM House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor**
Tile Drainage

Jeff Carter, Agronomist/Soil Scientist, UVM Extension

Friday, February 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor	Tile Drainage Laura Klaiber, Research Scientist, Miner Institute
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11:15 AM	Wetlands
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Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

12:00 PM	H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance
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Committee vote

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Vermont Housing & Conservation Coalition
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In House Agriculture and Forestry Committee Room.

Allen Karnatz, Senior Farm Project Director, Vermont
Land Trust

Erika Lynch, Babette's Table, Waitsfield

Robin Morris, Mad River Food Hub, Waitsfield

Phelan O'Connor, Pigasus Farm, South Hero

Stephen Park, Full Belly Farm, Monkton

Sarah Park, Full Belly Farm, Monkton

Justin Sauerwein, Almanack Farm, Chelsea

10:00 AM	House Floor
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After Floor	Caucuses and Lunch
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*Led by the Vermont Human Rights Commission for the
entire House.*

In the House Chamber

12:30 PM To Be Determined

1:15 PM Party Caucuses

**following
Caucuses Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association**

Roger Audet, Lamoille County Fair

Lonna Kantorski, Vermont State Fair, Rutland

Richard Lawrence, Vermont Fairs and Field Days
Association

Diane Norris, Vice President, Addison County Fair and
Field Days

3:30 PM Natural Resources Conservation Service

Vicky Drew, State Conservationist

Jim Eikenberry, Wetlands Specialist, Natural Resources
Conservation Service

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type Standard**

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides

Judy Bellairs, Forest and Wildlife Committee, Vermont
Chapter of the Sierra Club

Ross Conrad, Owner, Dancing Bee Gardens

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management

Shaina Kasper, Toxic Action Center-VT

Maddie Kempner, Membership and Advocacy
Coordinator, NOFA-Vermont

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Syngenta, Bayer

Bill Mares, Former President, Vermont Beekeepers
Association

Charles Mraz, Owner, Champlain Valley Apiaries

Mike Palmer, Owner, French Hill Apiaries

Rep. Joseph "Chip" Troiano, Sponsor

Henry Witte, Manager, Montpelier Aubuchon Store
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11:00 AM Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on
Rural Development

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

1:00 PM House Floor

15
minutes
after
Floor

To Be Determined

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing
Type

Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **H.232 - An act relating to protection from nuisance lawsuits for agricultural activities**
- **H.233 - An act relating to the labeling and sale of cell-cultured meat**
- Rep. Brian Cina, Sponsor
Rep. Zachariah Ralph Watson, Sponsor
Rep. Harvey Smith, Sponsor
- 9:20 AM** **H.274 - An act relating to the regulation of on-farm slaughter**
- Rep. Samuel Young, Sponsor
- 9:35 AM**

H.265 - An act relating to establishing a hemp seed distribution program

9:55 AM H.268 - An act relating to prohibiting the retail sale of neonicotinoid pesticides

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural College

Joint Assembly

1:00 PM House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor To Be Determined**

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type Standard**

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

10:15 AM **H.233 - An act relating to the labeling and sale of cell-cultured meat**

Rep. Harvey Smith, Sponsor

10:30 AM **H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber harvesting equipment**

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

11:00 AM **Governor's Recommended FY2020 State Budget**

Forestry appropriations

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

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

following Caucuses and Lunch

**1:00 PM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Samantha Alger, Graduate Research Fellow, Biology
Department, UVM

Sheri Englert, Owner, Vermont Beekeeping Supply, LLC

Kevin Komer, Vermont Golf Course Superintendents
Association

**2:00 PM H. - An act relating to the regulation of farming in
wetlands**

**- H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment
Program**

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

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

**3:00 PM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Working Lands Enterprise Initiative
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Humane Handling

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

9:15 AM	Governor's Recommended FY2020 State Budget
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*Committee comments on provisions related to agriculture
and forestry*

10:00 AM	H.274 - An act relating to the regulation of on-farm slaughter
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- **H.235 - An act relating to repealing the sunset of the
authority to conduct on-farm slaughter**

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

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

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

Randy Quenneville, Section Chief, Meat Inspection
Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

**11:00 AM H.275 - An act relating to the Farm-to-Plate Investment
Program**

committee discussion and possible vote

**11:30 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

Henry Cammack, Kimball Brook Farm

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

1:00 PM House Floor

Resolution for Enid Wonnacott

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

NOFA-VT

Erin Buckwalter, Marketing and Food Access
Coordinator, NOFA VT

Maddie Kempner, Membership and Advocacy
Coordinator, NOFA-Vermont

Abbie Nelson, Co-Director, VT Food Ed. Every Day &
Education Director NOFA-VT

2:15 PM

**H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

3:30 PM

Budget Priorities Discussion

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

AAFM Housekeeping bill

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

9:45 AM

**H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Jack Rath, President, Vermont Beekeepers Association

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM H.289 - An act relating to the sale of shell eggs

Rep. Barbara Rachelson, Sponsor, House Committee on
Judiciary

**10:45 AM H.301 - An act relating to prohibiting the use of the
herbicide glyphosate**

Rep. Mari Cordes, Sponsor

**11:00 AM H.309 - An act relating to creating a working group to
study establishing a program to facilitate the enrollment
of forestlands in carbon markets**

Rep. Matthew Birong, Sponsor

11:15 AM Rural Vermont

Introductions and issues

Dick Brigham,

Brooke Decker

David Hartshorn, Owner, Hartshorn Farm

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Amy Todisco, Hartshorn Farm and Vermont Farm
Immersion Program

John Turner, Owner, Wild Roots Farm

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Field Organizer,
Rural Vermont

1:00 PM House Floor

**15 H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
minutes neonicotinoid pesticides**

**after
Floor**

Vanessa Brown, Movement for Pollinator Survival

Keri Carstens, Integrated Product Research and
Stewardship, Dupont Pioneer's Seed Treatment
Enterprise

Emily Lanxner, Movement for Pollinator Survival

Meg Nelson, Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Frank Wong, Senior Regulatory Affairs Consultant,
Bayer

**3:30 PM H. - An act relating to the regulation of farming in
wetlands**

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

**3:45 PM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor	Regenerative Agriculture Didi Pershouse, Founder, Center for Sustainable Medicine
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12:00 PM	H. - An act relating to the regulation of farming in wetlands Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of Natural Resources Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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1:15 PM	H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management
Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, Sponsor, Pittsford

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:00 AM	No Committee Meetings Scheduled
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The General Assembly is on break for Town Meeting Day week

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following

Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM

H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Corey Chapman, Owner, Chapman Family Farm,
Tunbridge

Ann Chapman, Owner, Chapman Family Farm,
Tunbridge

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

2:00 PM

H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

3:00 PM

H.82 - An act relating to the taxation of timber harvesting equipment

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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

3:30 PM

H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Wendy Wilton, USDA Farm Service Agency

3:45 PM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM H. - An act relating to the regulation of farming in wetlands

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake
Champlain Action Committee

Rebekah Weber, Lake Champlain Lakekeeper,
Conservation Law Foundation

10:00 AM H.235 - An act relating to repealing the sunset of the authority to conduct on-farm slaughter

Rep. Charen Fegard, Sponsor

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

10:30 AM H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, Sponsor

11:00 AM Definition of Milk

Committee letter

11:30 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Committee discussion

1:00 PM House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

Definition of Milk

- H.235 - An act relating to repealing the sunset of the authority to conduct on-farm slaughter

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

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

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

**2:30 PM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

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

**3:15 PM H. - An act relating to the regulation of farming in
wetlands**

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

Marli Rupe, Agricultural Water Quality Section Chief,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of neonicotinoid pesticides
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9:30 AM **H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

possible vote

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

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15 **H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of**
minutes **neonicotinoid pesticides**

after
Floor

committee discussion

- **H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

Committee discussion and vote

Friday, March 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following	Caucuses and Lunch
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3:30 PM	H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock
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*Annual Report of the Animal Cruelty Investigation
Advisory Board*

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation
Advisory Board

Erika Holm, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board

Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States
Humane Society

Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory
Board

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM iPad Training

Brandon Dyer, User Support Specialist, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM Rural Vermont

Introductions and Issues

Christine Bourque, Blue Heron Farm
Kurt Ericksen, Assistant General Manager, Vermont
Compost Company
Buzz Ferver, Owner, Full Circle Farm
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont
Nick Zigelbaum, Owner, Longest Acre Farm

11:00 AM Vermont Farm Bureau

Introductions and Issues

Ethan Allen Room

Rob Carey, Vermont Farm Bureau, Rutland County
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Heidi Krantz, Vermont Horse Council, Farm Bureau
Jennifer Lambert, Washington

Joie Lehovillier, Foote Brook Farm, Johnson
Bob Sherwin, Farm owner, Norwich
Anne Tisbert, Valley Dream Farm
Mary White, Corinth
Art Whitman, Chair Government Relations Committee,
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

1:00 PM House Floor

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM iPad Training

Brandon Dyer, User Support Specialist, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM On Farm Accessory Businesses

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

**10:15 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

Rep. Emmons amendment

10:30 AM Committee Discussion

Overview of rural development bill

11:30 AM Forestry issues

Ed Larson, Lobbyist, Vermont Forest Products
Association

1:00 PM House Floor

**4:30 PM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Committee on Appropriations amendment
Committee on Ways and Means amendment

Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	House Floor
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Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	Rural Development
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S.160

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

9:00 AM Rural Development

S.160

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

Randy Quenneville, Section Chief, Meat Inspection
Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Meghan Stotko, Farmer, Heartwood

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Robinson Hill Beef

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates

Joint Assembly

1:00 PM House Floor

2:30 PM St. Albans Cooperative Young Cooperators

Kiersten Bourgeois, Business Development and
Communications Manager, St. Albans Cooperative
Creamery

Nick deGraaf, deGraaf Dairy, Richmond

Rebecca Howrigan, Board Member, Young Cooperators

Amy Maxham, Field Manager, St. Albans Cooperative
Creamery

Karie Thompson, President, Young Cooperators Board

3:00 PM

2+2 Agriculture Education Program

Kimberly Crowe, Faculty, Vermont Technical College

Ashlynn Foster, 2+2 Student

Curtis Lessard, 2+2 Student

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

Hannah Roberts, 2+2 Student

Katherine Rowley, 2+2 Student

Emily Surrell, 2+2 Student

Louise Terwilliger, 2+2 Student

Cayden Theberge, 2+2 Student

Shawna VanDerWey, 2+2 Student

4:00 PM

2+2 Agriculture Education Program

Reception in Cedar Creek Room

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

Rural Development

S.160 walk through

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

9:00 AM Rural Development

S.160

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

9:30 AM Rural Development

S.160

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

10:00 AM House Floor

Budget

Friday, March 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Budget

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

following **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Sections 4, 5

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State
Treasurer

1:45 PM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Section 2

Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Henry Cammack, Sales Manager, Kimball Brook Farm

Sen. Anthony Pollina

3:00 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Sections 14-16

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

3:30 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Sections 1 and 2.

James Maroney, Owner/Operator, Oliver Hill Farm

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Sections 1, 3

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

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing
& Conservation Board

Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects,
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
Ryan Patch, Deputy Director, Water Quality Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

10:30 AM Report on 2019 Northern Tier Dairy Summit

Rep. Rodney Graham, Reporter of bill
Rep. Terry Norris, Reporter of bill

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Conservation Districts

*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Room 10*

Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of
Conservation Districts

Jeannie Bartlett, District Manager, Franklin County,
Natural Resources Conservation Districts

Sarrah Damsell, Manager, Orleans County, Natural
Resources Conservation Districts

Jeff Farber, Conservation Programs Manager, Vermont
Association of Conservation Districts

Tucker Malone, Conservation Programs Technical
Coordinator and Land Treatment Planner, St. Albans,
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Justin Michaud, Conservation Planner, Newport,
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Hilary Solomon, Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural
Resources Conservation District

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15 **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**
minutes

after *Section 18*

Floor

Ansley Bloomer, Assistant Director, Renewable Energy
Vermont

Ken Gagnon, Owner, Gagnon Lumber

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

3:00 PM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Section 6 and 7

Randy Quenneville, Section Chief, Meat Inspection
Section, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Section 19

Kim Crosby, Environmental Compliance Officer, Casella
Waste Management

Kurt Erickson, Assistant General Manager, Vermont
Compost Company

Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT

Lisa Ransom, Owner, Grow Compost of Vermont

10:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Section 3

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Field Organizer, Rural
Vermont

10:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Section 11

Paul Costello, Executive Director, Vermont Council on
Rural Development

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Bob Lesnikoski , Board Member, Working Lands
Enterprise Board

Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, ASPCA

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Field Organizer, Rural
Vermont

1:00 PM House Floor

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor	S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands <i>walk through of current draft in Senate Agriculture Committee</i>
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Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Section 1

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

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

10:00 AM House Floor

following Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Section 3

David Mears, Executive Director, Audubon Vermont
Eric Roy, Rubenstein School of Environmental and
Natural Resources

2:30 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Gil Livingston, Former President, Vermont Land Trust

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

7:45 AM Sidebar Breakfast

Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

9:00 AM Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Introductions and Issues

Art Whitman, Chair Government Relations Committee,
Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Rick Zimmerman, Executive Director, Northeast
Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

9:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Section 1

Farm to School response

Kathy Alexander, Director MAUSD/ANWSD Food
Service Cooperative , Mount Abraham Unified
School District and Addison Northwest School
District

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

Abbie Nelson, Co-Director, VT Food Ed. Every Day &
Education Director NOFA-VT

Betsy Rosenbluth, Project Director, Vermont FEED

10:30 AM Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance

Introductions and Issues

Seth Chapelle, Bourdeau Brothers Inc.

Dave Lane, Yankee Farm Credit

Cy Nelson, Nelson Farms, Derby

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy
Producers Alliance

Bradley St. Pierre, Pleasant Valley Farm, Richford

Jamie St. Pierre, Pleasant Valley Farm, Richford

Kelly Sweet, Farmer, Fletcher

Robin Sweet, Farmer

11:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Earl Ransom, Owner, Strafford Organic Creamery

1:00 PM House Floor

15 S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

**minutes
after
Floor**

Carl Christianson, Owner, Northeast Processing

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Kevin Kennedy, Founder, Continuum

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

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development
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Section 3

Phil Huffman, Director of Government Relations and
Policy, The Nature Conservancy

Rose Paul, Director of Science and Fresh Water
Programs, The Nature Conservancy

10:00 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development
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Section 12 and 13

Phil Huffman, Director of Government Relations and
Policy, The Nature Conservancy

Nick Richardson, President, Vermont Land Trust

Jim Shallow, Director of Strategic Conservation
Initiatives, The Nature Conservancy

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

Robert Turner, Consulting Forester and Member,
Governor's Climate Action Commission

1:00 PM

House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Jon Klar, Farmer, Irasburg, VT

Jack Lazor, Owner, Butterworks Farm

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

House Floor

**15
minutes
after
Floor**

Forestry issues

Chris Fife, Public Affairs Manager, Weyerhaeuser
Company

Colleen Goodridge, Owner, Goodridge Lumber

Steve Hardy, President, Vermont Forest Products
Association

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

following S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Committee discussion

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

following Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Pat Austin, Hauler, Orleans County

Buzz Ferver, Owner, Full Circle Farm

EB Flory, Dairy Section Chief, Agency of Agriculture,
Food and Markets

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT

Eric Guzman, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co.

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

Will Kriewald, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State
Treasurer

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Paul Tomasi, District Manager, NEK Waste Management
District

Bruce Westcott, General Manager, Central VT Solid
Waste District

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	No Testimony Scheduled
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3:00 PM	House Floor
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Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development Kurt Ericksen, Assistant General Manager, Vermont Compost Company Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management Cathy Jamieson, Program Manager, WMPD Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Conservation
1:00 PM	House Floor
3:00 PM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development Jennifer Hollar, Director of Policy and Special Projects, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development
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Kristin Haas, State Vet, Director, Food Safety, Agency of
Agriculture

9:30 AM	House Floor
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15 minutes after Floor	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development <i>Committee discussion</i>
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Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

following Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Phil Huffman, Director of Government Relations and
Policy, The Nature Conservancy

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

1:30 PM Dairy Farmers of America

Jackie Klippenstein, Senior Vice President of
Government, Community and Industry Affairs, Dairy
Farmers of America

Stephanie Walsh, Director, Industry and Community
Affairs, Dairy Farmers of America

2:00 PM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Joe Hescok, Owner, Elysian Fields Dairy

2:30 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Section 1

Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm to School
Network

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

3:15 PM S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

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

10:30 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

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

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

11:15 AM **S. - An act relating to farming activities in wetlands**

- **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**

Committee discussion

Rep. Jessica Brumsted, House Committee On Human
Services

Rosalyn Graham, Shelburne

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15 **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**
minutes
after
Floor

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Presentation of Neoniconitoid Pesticides; Safety and Use
Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Room 10

Mike Bald, Founder and Owner, Got Weeds?

Judy Bellairs, Pollinator Protection Leader, Vermont
Chapter of the Sierra Club

Ross Conrad, Owner, Dancing Bee Gardens

Erica Cummings, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

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Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Bill Mares, Former President, Vermont Beekeepers
Association

10:15 AM Rural Vermont and NOFA-VT

Introductions and Issues
Joint Hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee
Room 10

Cat Buxton, Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition

Abbie Corse, Owner, Corse Family Farm

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Steve Fortmann, Owner, Ghost Dog Dairy/Fortmann
Farm

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co.

Frank Huard, Owner, Huard Family Farm

Amy Huyffler, Strafford Organic Creamery
Maddie Kempner, Membership and Advocacy
Coordinator, NOFA VT
Joie Lehouillier, Owner, Foote Brook Farm
Eden Marceau-Piconi, Owner, 5 Birds Farm
Judith Schwartz, Author, Journalist, Bennington
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont
Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Farmer, Robinson Hill Beef

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15 **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**
minutes

after *Committee discussion and possible vote*

Floor Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management
Gabrielle Malina, Partner, Komline Consulting
Government Relations
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

15 **S.58 - An act relating to the State hemp program**
minutes
after Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Floor Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

following **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **Wetlands**

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee
Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau
Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council
Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy Farmers

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

David Mears, Executive Director, Audubon Vermont

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

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Department
of Environmental Conservation

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development
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Jane Clifford, Dairy Producer, Starksboro

Maddie Kempner, Membership and Advocacy
Coordinator, NOFA VT

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Field Organizer, Rural
Vermont

10:30 AM	S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development
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Carbon Markets

Charles Kerchner

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15
minutes
after
Floor

S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

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

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing
Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Kurt Erickson, Vermont Compost Company
Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

9:45 AM **Wetlands**

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

10:30 AM **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

1:00 PM **House Floor**

15 **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**
minutes *compost*
after
Floor Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management
Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor**

15 **S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development**
minutes *Committee discussion*
after
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Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

Stephanie Smith, Land Use Chief, Agency of
Agriculture, Food and Markets

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

12:00 PM Committee Discussion with Leg Council

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

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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following	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:15 PM	House Floor
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3:45 PM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Committee discussion

4:00 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

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

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM H.79 - An act relating to eligibility for farm-to-school grant assistance

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

9:00 AM Committee Discussion

10:30 AM House Floor

**1:15 PM H.205 - An act relating to the regulation of
neonicotinoid pesticides**

Committee discussion

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

**2:45 PM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

Sen. Brian Collamore, Reporter

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Sen. Robert Starr, Senate Agriculture Committee

4:30 PM House Floor

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Committee Check-In
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1:00 PM House Floor

3:00 PM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:00 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health

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

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

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

9:30 AM House Floor

11:00 AM H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

3:00 PM	House Floor
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Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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H.525 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

Kent Henderson, Northwest Veterinary Associates,
Vermont Veterinary Medical Association

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health

Lisa McCrory, Earthwise Farm and Forest, Bethel

Lisa Robar, Owner, Kiss the Cow Farm

2:30 PM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Committee discussion

10:00 AM House Floor

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Committee Check-In

9:30 AM House Floor

Friday, May 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.160 - An act relating to agricultural development

Discussion of Amendment

Rep. James Masland, Sponsor

Peter Walke, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Natural
Resources

9:30 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Convenes**

**Immediately
Following
Adjournment** **Caucuses**

1:00 PM **Committee Check-in and Priorities for 2020**

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

updates on 2019 work

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

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

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, Reporter of bill

1:00 PM House Convenes

15 Wetlands and Water Quality
minutes

*Summary of 2019 Legislative Study Committee on
Wetlands*

**after
Floor**

Adjourns

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

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

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Nutrient Management Plans

The Netherlands nutrient management system

Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

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

10:00 AM Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

*Introductions and housekeeping bill, and definition of
"local"*

Steve Collier, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

1:00 PM House Convenes

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

Joint Assembly-House Chamber

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Convenes

**15
minutes
after** **Governor's FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment**
Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor Convenes**

**Following
adjournment** **Caucuses & Lunch**

1:00 PM **H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock**

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation
Advisory Board

Joe Emenheiser, Animal Science Lecturer, University of
Vermont

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days
Association

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

Dianne Lashoones, Owner, Water Tower Farm,
Marshfield

Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States
Humane Society

JoAnn Nichols, Humane Investigator, Humane Society
of Chittenden County

Harry O'Rourke, Pond Hill Ranch, Castleton, VT

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

9:30 AM Farm to Plate Report

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

Sarah Danly, Farm to Plate Network Manager, Vermont
Sustainable Jobs Fund

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

Shane Rogers, Rooted in Vermont Project Manager,
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

10:30 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

Shelley Mehlenbacher, Assistant State Veterinarian,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

**15
minutes
after
Floor
Adjourns** **Committee Activity as Floor Time Allows**
Conference Call with Council of State Governments

2:15 PM Nutrition Discussion

Phosphorus in feed

Diane Norris, Vice President, Addison County Fair and
Field Days

**2:45 PM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

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

Shelley Mehlenbacher, Assistant State Veterinarian,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

**3:45 PM H.562 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural
land for the purposes of use value appraisals**

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Rutland-Windsor

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Gund Institute for Environment, UVM

Report

Stephen Posner, Gund Institute for Environment

10:00 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

Shelley Mehlenbacher, Assistant State Veterinarian,
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

Marc Paquette, Section Chief Weights & Measures,
Food Safety & Consumer Protection Division,
Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

**15 H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
minutes use value appraisals**

**after
Floor
adjourns**

Rep. John L. Bartholomew, Reporter of bill
Kate Strousse, Executive Assistant, Vermont
Department of Taxes

- **H.731 - An act relating to establishing a residuals management program at the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

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

Rep. Harvey Smith, Sponsor

Rep. Harvey Smith, Sponsor

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor Convenes
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15 minutes after Floor adjourns	Clean Water Investment Report
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Emily Bird, Program Manager, Clean Water Initiative,
Department of Environmental Conservation

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor Convenes
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Following adjournment	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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David Allaben, NH/VT State Director, USDA, Wildlife Services

Fred Pogmore, Vermont District Supervisor, USDA, Wildlife Services

2:00 PM	Governor's FY2021 Proposed Budget Address
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Joint Assembly - House Chamber

3:00 PM	H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens
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Danielle Fitzko, Director of Forests, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Capitol Police
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Updates

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police
Department

9:30 AM	Vermont Agriculture Strategic Plan Report
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Room 10

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Mark Cannella, Associate Professor, University of
Vermont Extension

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

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator, UVM
Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Adeline Druart, President, Vermont Creamery

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

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

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

Janice St.Onge, President, Flexible Capital Fund

Will Stevens, Owner, Golden Russet Farm

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

Netaka White, Owner, Tak About Hemp

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

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

2:00 PM Cannabis Background

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

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Public Safety

**3:00 PM H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
use value appraisals**

Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the
Director of Policy, Department of Taxes

3:30 PM Animal Welfare

Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board Report

Sally Adams, Chief Deputy State's Attorney, Chittenden
County

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation
Advisory Board

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

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Cassie Polhemus, Chief Executive Officer, Vermont
Economic Development Authority

9:15 AM	S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis
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Rep. John Gannon, Member, House Committee On
Government Operations

9:30 AM	H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism
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Rep. Michael Yantachka, Sponsor

10:00 AM

Vermont Forest Carbon Sequestration Working Group

Final Report Act 83 of 2019

Sen. Ruth Hardy

Jim Shallow, Director of Strategic Conservation
Initiatives, The Nature Conservancy

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

11:00 AM Cannabis Background

Cindy Leszczak, West Townsend

Stuart Savel, Brattleboro

Richard Veitch, West Townsend

1:00 PM House Convenes

3:00 PM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

Shannon Salembier, Assistant General Counsel,
Attorney General's Office

4:00 PM H.271 - An act relating to public notice of pesticide application under a right-of-way permit

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

4:15 PM

H.759 - An act relating to the use of neonicotinoid-treated article seed

Rep. Joseph "Chip" Troiano, Sponsor

Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Convenes
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Following Adjournment	Vermont Farm Bureau
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Room 10 (10:15)

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Rob Carey, Vermont Farm Bureau, Rutland County

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Jake Guest, former Organic Dairy Farmer

Bruce Hallett, Owner, Hallett Sheep Farm

Heidi Krantz, Vermont Horse Council, Vermont Farm
Bureau

Jennifer Lambert, Dairy Farmer/operator, Lambert Farm

Justin Poulin, Poulin And Daughters Farm, Randolph

Anna Poulin, Poulin and Daughters Farm, Randolph

Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm Bureau

Arthur Whitman, Vermont Seed Dealers Association, member, Vermont Farm Bureau

11:30 AM Grazing and Pasture Management

Report

Cheryl Cesario, Champlain Valley Crop, Soil and Pasture, UVM Extension

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Coordinator, UVM Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

12:30 PM H.798 - An act relating to the use of biochar

Rep. Kathryn Webb, Chair, Sponsor

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Convenes
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**Following
adjournment**

Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM

Northeast Kingdom Collaborative

Matt Clark, Whiteout Solutions

Tom Gilbert, Owner/Operator, Black Dirt Farm, Stannard
VT

Ben Notterman, Owner, Snug Valley Farm

Jon Ramsey, Executive Director, Center for an
Agricultural Economy

Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-
Abenaki Nation

2:00 PM

**Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition legislative
day**

Richard Hall, Owner, Fairmont Farm, Inc.

Miles Hooper, Owner, Ayer's Brook Goat Dairy

Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Land Trust

Milton Robinson, Owner, West Ridge Farm

Shannon Varley, Owner, Strafford Village Farm

3:00 PM

Nutrient Management

Vicky Drew, State Conservationist, Natural Resources
Conservation Service

Walt Whitcomb, Northeast Regional Coordinator, Farm
Production and Conservation, U.S. Department of
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock
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Ruth Blauwiekel, UVM Veterinarian, Vermont Veterinary
Medical Association

Kristin Haas, Member, Livestock Care Standards
Advisory Council

Justin Poulin, Poulin And Daughters Farm, Randolph

10:30 AM	Rural Vermont
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member introductions

Kurt Erickson, Vermont Compost Company

Buzz Ferver, Owner, Full Circle Farm

Karl Hammer, Owner, Vermont Compost Co.

11:15 AM	Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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Strategic Plan

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

1:00 PM	House Convenes
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15 minutes after Adjournment	Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets <i>Strategic Plan</i> Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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4:30 PM	Vermont Farm Show <i>Capital Cook-off</i>
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Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	Dairy Update at Vermont Farm Show Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services & Dairy Policy, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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12:00 PM	Lunch <i>Vermont Farm Show Dairy Banquet</i>
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Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Floor Convenes
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15 minutes after	Council of State Governments <i>Report on current work</i>
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Adjournment	Rona Cohen, Senior Policy Analyst, CSG/ERC Energy & Environment Program Bob Haefner, Council of State Governments Tara Sad, Council of State Governments
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11:15 AM	H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals
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.	H.562 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of use value appraisals
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	Doug Farnham, Senior Research Economist and the Director of Policy, Department of Taxes
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Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Convenes
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Following Adjournment	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism
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Mary Cobb White, Secretary, Vermont Farm Bureau
Elizabeth Kennett, Owner, Liberty Hill Farm
Rick Lunt, Vice President, Dynamic Business Solutions
Richard Rubin, Vermont Association for Justice
Rusty Rumley, Senior Staff Attorney, National
Agriculture Law Center Staff

2:15 PM	H.798 - An act relating to the use of biochar
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Kathleen Draper, President, International Biochar
Initiative
Theo Kennedy, Public Policy Attorney and General
Practitioner, Otis and Kennedy, LLC
Robert Lehmert, Managing Member, Carbon Negativity
LLC
Tom Miles, Executive Director, U.S. Biochar Initiative

Donna Pion, Green State Biochar

Roger Pion, Green State Biochar

Marshall Webb, Carbon Drawdown Coordinator,
Shelburne Farms

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board
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Farmland Access and Transition

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Room 32

Sam Burr, Owner, Last Resort Farm

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

Emily Donegan, Owner, Donegan Family Farm

Nancy Everhart, Agricultural Director, Vermont Housing
and Conservation Board

Nick Richardson, President & CEO, Vermont Land Trust

Gus Seelig, Executive Director, Vermont Housing and
Conservation Board

Tracy Zschau, Vice President for Conservation, Vermont
Land Trust

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Bill Baron, Tree Warden, Grand Isle

Mark Dillenbeck, Tree Warden, Charlotte

Tom Fisher

Lee Krohn, Town Manager, Shelburne

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

Gerard Vorsteveld, Owner, Vorsteveld Farm

1:00 PM Floor Convenes

15 **H.733 - An act relating to studying taxation of forestland**
minutes **donations for conservation**
after
Adjournment Rep. Carol Ode, , Sponsor

following Committee Discussion and Planning

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.807 - An act relating to an electric company's Emerald Ash Borer assessment

Rep. Peter J. Fagan, , Sponsor

9:10 AM H.832 - An act relating to the use and management of pesticides

Rep. Trevor Squirrell, , Sponsor

9:30 AM Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Working Lands Hearing has been postponed due to inclement weather.

11:00 AM Neonicotinoid research for treated seed and the environment

Room 10

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Erica Cummings, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

Laura Klaiber, Research Scientist, Miner Institute

1:00 PM **Floor Convenes**

15 **H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism**
minutes
after Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Adjournment Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens**

Charles Safford, Town Manager, Town of Stowe
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont
League of Cities and Towns

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Floor Convenes**

15 **Committee Adjourned**
minutes

after
Floor

No committee business today due to weather.

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor Convenes
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Following Adjournment	Caucuses and Lunch
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1:00 PM	Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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FY21 Agriculture Budget

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

2:30 PM	Committee Discussion of Bill Priorities
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3:00 PM	Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
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Introduction

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

**3:30 PM H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
use value appraisals**

Douglas Farnham, Director of Policy and Tax
Department Economist, Department of Taxes

Todd Heyman, Fat Sheep Farm and Cabins

Kate McCarthy, Sustainable Communities Program
Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Harvey Smith, Sponsor

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

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

10:00 AM

Farm to School Awareness Day

*Joint Hearing, House Agriculture and Forestry and Senate
Agriculture Committees*

Room 11

David Baker, Superintendent, Windsor Southeast
Supervisory Union

Angus Baldwin, Owner, Three Crows Farm

Teddy Chamberlain, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Meg Dawkins, Staff, Berlin Elementary School

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

Gavin Haines, Student, Berlin Elementary School

JJ Hansen, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Phin Hilferty, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Camryn Hoffman, Student, Cabot School

Craig Locarno, Food Service Director, Windsor
Southeast Supervisory Union

Sophia McCaffrey, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Kadence McCalister, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Beth Miller, Community Impact Director, Rutland County
Parent Child Center

Lucas Richer, Student, Berlin Elementary School

Nene Riley, Teacher, Cabot School

Silas Robbins, Student, Cabot School

Helen Rortvedt, Farm to School Program Director,
NOFA VT

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

Jake Stafford, Student, Berlin Elementary School

John Stafford, Student, Berlin Elementary School
Peter Stratman, Teacher, Cabot School
Mary Zigman, Rutland County Parent Child Center

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

15 minutes after Floor Adjourns **H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock**

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board
Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States Humane Society
Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory Board

2:30 PM Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain

Lori Fisher, Chair, Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain
Hilary Solomon, Manager, Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

3:00 PM H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

4:00 PM 2020 Farm to School Awareness Day

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Field Trip
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Perfect Circle Farm

Joint field trip with Senate Agriculture Committee

1:00 PM	House Floor Convenes
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**15
Minutes
after
Floor
Adjourns**

H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens

Nicholas Ecker-Racz, Town of Glover

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

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

2:30 PM	H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for use value appraisals
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Committee vote

2:45 PM H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

- H.798 - An act relating to the use of biochar

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

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor Convenes
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15 Minutes after Floor Adjourns	Committee Discussion
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10:30 AM	NOFA-Vermont
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Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT
Grace Oedel, Executive Director, NOFA VT

11:30 AM **Committee Discussion**

12:00 PM **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**

Strategic Plan

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor Convenes**

following **Caucuses and Lunch**

1:00 PM **H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock**

Lori Berger, Equine Specialist

2:00 PM

H.301 - An act relating to prohibiting the use of the herbicide glyphosate

Patti Casey, Environmental Surveillance Program
Manager, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Erica Cummings, Public Health and Agricultural
Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council
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Room 10

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Kristin Haas, Member, Livestock Care Standards
Advisory Council

10:00 AM	To Be Determined
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10:15 AM

H.798 - An act relating to the use of biochar

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

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

10:30 AM

Ecosystem Services: Carbon Sequestration

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

1:00 PM

House Floor Convenes

**15
minutes
after
House
Adjourns**

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Budget

Rep. Charles Conquest, House Committee on
Appropriations

3:00 PM

H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States
Humane Society

Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory
Board

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	New Approach to Dairy Pricing and Sustainability
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Room 10

Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Roger Allbee, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Food
and Markets

Daniel Smith

10:30 AM	Election of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges
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Joint Assembly

House Chamber

11:00 AM	Vermont Fairs and Field Days Association
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Ken Button, Addison County Fair and Field Days

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days
Association

Alan Howe, Tunbridge Fair

Caroline Morrison, Caledonia County Fair

Jason Sicard, , Orleans County Fair

Lana Sjkorsky, Rutland Fair

Gary Wright, Lamoille County Fair

1:00 PM **House Floor Convenes**

15
minutes
after
House
Adjourns

Committee Discussion and Priorities

2:00 PM **Committee bills**

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

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing
Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **House Floor Convenes**

15
minutes
after
Floor
Adjourns

Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

AAFM Budget Letter to House Appropriations Committee

11:30 AM H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor Convenes

following Caucuses and Lunch

1:00 PM H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

- H.941 - An act relating to the agricultural economy

Erin Buckwalter, Development and Engagement
Director, NOFA VT

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

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

2:30 PM H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Financial Regulation, Insurance Division

2:45 PM H.941 - An act relating to the agricultural economy

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

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

3:10 PM H.941 - An act relating to the agricultural economy

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

**3:30 PM H.562 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural
land for the purposes of use value appraisals**

Douglas Farnham, Director of Policy and Tax
Department Economist, Department of Taxes

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM UVM's Land Grant Mission in Action

Suresh Garimella, President, University of Vermont

9:30 AM Rural Vermont

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

9:50 AM H.794 - An act relating to limiting liability for agritourism

Committee vote

- H.562 - An act relating to the definition of agricultural land for the purposes of use value appraisals

Committee vote

10:00 AM Dairy Marketing Report

Room 11

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

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

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

Christophe Hille, Karen Karp and Partners

Ken Jones, Economic Research Analyst, Agency of
Commerce and Community Development

Ben Kerrick, Karen Karp and Partners

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

3:30 PM UVM's Land Grant Mission in Action

Reception from 3:30-5:30 PM in the State House Cafeteria

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Working Lands Enterprise Initiative

Room 10

Joint Hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

Sen. Tim Ashe, President Pro Tempore

Lila Bennett, Owner, Tangletown Farm

Peter Colman, Owner, Vermont Salumi

Mateo Kehler, Owner, Jasper Hill Farms

Lindsay Kurrle, Secretary, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

Jette Mandl-Abramson, Owner, Calabash Gardens

Mike Proia, Co-owner, Bread and Butter Farm

Rob Riley, Northern Forest Center

Lynn Ellen Schimoler, Program Manager, Working Lands
Enterprise Initiative

Sam Smith, Farm Business Specialist, Intervale Center

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

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

11:00 AM H.798 - An act relating to the use of biochar

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

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor Convenes

**15
minutes
after
Adjournment**

H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor Convenes
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1:00 PM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

2:00 PM	H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

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

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

**3:30 PM H.940 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation
response and training**

Jessica Danyow, Chair, Animal Cruelty Investigation
Advisory Board

Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States
Humane Society

Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory
Board

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Brooke Decker, Pollinator Protector Specialist, Agency
of Agriculture, Food & Markets

10:45 AM H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

1:00 PM House Floor Convenes

**2:30 PM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

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

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

3:15 PM H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

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

**3:45 PM H.940 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation
response and training**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Barry Londeree, Vermont State Director, United States
Humane Society

Mary McFaun, Animal Cruelty Investigation Advisory
Board

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

**9:00 AM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

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

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

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

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

**10:00 AM H.940 - An act relating to animal cruelty investigation
response and training**

possible vote

12:00 PM Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Updates

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

1:00 PM House Floor

**15 H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
minutes subjects**

**after
Floor
Adjourns**

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

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, CropLife America

**3:00 PM H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural
subjects**

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

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

- **H.941 - An act relating to the agricultural economy**

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

Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	House Floor Convenes
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15 minutes	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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adjourns	Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

Farms and Essential Services

Will Stevens, Owner, Golden Russet Farm

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

following

H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects

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

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

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

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

- S.336 - An act relating to establishing standards for the sale of hemp seed

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

10:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

12:30 PM **Vermont Foodbank Update**

John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank

Nicole Whalen, Director of Communications and Public
Affairs, Vermont Foodbank

2:00 PM **Committee Adjourns**

Friday, April 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:00 AM **COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues**

farmers markets

John Primmer, Wildstone Farm

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

11:30 AM **S.336 - An act relating to establishing standards for the
sale of hemp seed**

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

Daniel Maclure, Century 21 Farm & Forest

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

Ted Sheehan, Green Mountain Organic Hemp LLC

Joe Veldon, Cannabis Farmer, 7 Leaf Genetics

12:30 PM Committee Adjourns

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID 19 Response

University of Vermont Extension update

Chuck Ross, Director, University of Vermont Extension

10:15 AM Committee Discussion of Bills in Committee

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

11:30 AM Adjourn

12:30 PM Vermont Dairy Status

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

1:00 PM Committee Discussion of Bills in Committee

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

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

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

2:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:00 AM

COVID 19 Response

Update on COVID-19 federal response

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

Erica Campbell, Outreach Representative, Office of
Senator Bernie Sanders

Ryan McLaren, Outreach Representative, Office of
Congressman Peter Welch

12:00 PM

**S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of
pesticides**

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

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

1:00 PM

Adjourn

Friday, April 10, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 PM

COVID 19 Response

School Nutrition Programs

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

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Faye Mack, Advocacy and Education Director, Hunger
Free Vermont

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

COVID-19 Response

Dairy supply and distribution

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

9:45 AM

COVID-19 Response

Food systems in Vermont

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund

11:15 AM COVID-19 Response

Farmers markets

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

11:30 AM Adjourn

Friday, April 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Response

Vermont Fairs and Field Days

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Fairs and Field Days
Association

11:30 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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meat processing and herd culling

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

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

Kyle Thygesen, Stonyfield

Marcy Wisnowski, Owner, Addison County Commission
Sales

10:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Vegetable farms

Will Stevens, Owner, Golden Russet Farm

11:30 AM	Adjourn
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Friday, April 24, 2020

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Hearing Type	Standard
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9:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Salvation Farms

Theresa Snow, Director, Salvation Farms

10:45 AM	Adjourn
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Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Food supply chain

Kari Bradley, General Manager, Hunger Mountain Coop

Mark Curran, Vermont Family Farms

Laura Ginsburg, Agricultural Development Section
Chief, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable
Jobs Fund
Lawrence Miller, Five Vine Consulting, LLC
John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank
Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers
Association

11:00 AM Covid-19 Impact

Forests and Parks

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation
Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Forests, Parks and
Recreation

11:30 AM Adjourn

Friday, May 1, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Farmers Markets, Greenhouses

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

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

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

9:45 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Forestry and State Parks

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

10:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

11:30 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

10:30 AM House Floor

Followed by Full House Caucus

1:00 PM Full House Caucus

Continued from this morning if needed

Friday, May 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Farmers Markets

9:15 AM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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Committee discussion of amendments

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

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

9:45 AM	Adjournment
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Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Farmer response

Steve Kayhart, Owner, Kayhart Brothers, West Addison

Dave Lane, Senior Vice President, Yankee Farm Credit

Meg Nelson, Lobbyist, Nelson Farms, Derby

Josh Poulin, Owner, Poulin Grain

Darlene Reynolds, DFA Farmer of the Year for 2019,
Crossroads Dairy

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy
Producers Alliance

11:30 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM	House Floor
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1:00 PM	House Floor
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Friday, May 15, 2020

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Hearing Type	Standard
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8:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Committee discussion

-	H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens
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9:45 AM	Adjourn
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10:00 AM	House Floor
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Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Budget Adjustment**

Update

10:00 AM **S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of pesticides**

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Sen. Brian Collamore, Reporter of the Bill

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

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

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM

House Floor

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

S.180 - An act relating to the use and application of pesticides

Jared Carpenter, Water Protection Advocate, Lake Champlain Committee

Sen. Brian Collamore, Sponsor

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

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy Farmers

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

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

9:45 AM

Adjourn

10:00 AM

House Floor

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Report on current initiatives

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

11:30 AM	Adjourn
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Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	COVID-19 Response
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Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee

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

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

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

10:55 AM Leave Joint Hearing for House Floor

11:00 AM House Floor

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	House Floor
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Friday, May 29, 2020

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Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Farm support

Denna Benjamin, Riverview Farm, Franklin

Will Gladstone, Newmont Farm, Bradford

Darlene Reynolds, DFA Farmer of the Year for 2019,
Crossroads Dairy

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Amanda St. Pierre, Executive Director, Vermont Dairy
Producers Alliance

9:45 AM	Adjourn
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10:00 AM	House Floor
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Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Food security: Processors

Catherine DeRonde, Senior Economist, Agri-Mark

Mateo Kehler, Owner, Jasper Hill Farms

Jeremy Michaud, Owner, Kingdom Creamery

10:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Committee discussion: AAFM proposal for farm aid

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

11:30 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:00 AM	House Floor
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2:00 PM	House Floor Convenes
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Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	House Floor
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Friday, June 5, 2020

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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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Committee discussion: CARES package for farmers and processors

Rep. Charles Conquest, Reporter of Amendment, House
Committee on Appropriations

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

9:45 AM Adjourn

10:00 AM House Floor

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM House Floor

**immediately
following
adjournment** **COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues**
Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:30 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:00 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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pandemic farm aid

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

1:00 PM	Adjourn
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2:00 PM	House Floor
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Friday, June 12, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues
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introduction to S.351

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel
Sen. Robert Starr, Reporter of the Bill

- **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

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

9:45 AM Adjourn

10:00 AM House Floor

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

3:30 PM All House Caucus

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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11:30 AM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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-	S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
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committee discussion

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

1:30 PM	Adjourn
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2:00 PM	House Floor
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Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Floor
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Friday, June 19, 2020

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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects
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- **S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

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

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

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel
Sen. Robert Starr, Essex/Orleans Counties

9:45 AM **Adjourn**

10:00 AM **House Floor**

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

2:00 PM **House Floor**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

Amendment to S.351

Rep. Charles Conquest, Reporter of Amendment, House Committee on Appropriations

Rep. James Gregoire, Sponsor of amendment, Franklin District

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

- **H.656 - An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects**

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

9:45 AM Committee Adjourns

10:00 AM House Floor

following House adjournment S.351 - An act relating to providing financial relief assistance to the agricultural community due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

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

1:45 PM Committee Adjourns

2:00 PM House Floor

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM House Floor

2:00 PM House Floor

Friday, June 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **Committee Check-In**

9:45 AM **Committee Adjourns**

10:00 AM **House Floor**

2:00 PM **House Floor**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Convenes**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues and 2021 Budget Review

Updates from Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

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

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

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

10:30 AM Committee Adjourns

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM House Convenes

Friday, August 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM Budget Review

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

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

Sam Lincoln, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Forests, Parks and Recreation

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

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel

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

10:30 AM Committee Adjourns

2:00 PM House Convenes

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues and 2021 Budget Review
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Recommendation to Committee on Appropriations

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

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

9:45 AM	Committee Adjourns
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10:00 AM	House Convenes
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Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

Non-dairy agriculture grant programs
Joint hearing with House Agriculture and Forestry
Committee

Amanda Andrews, Owner, Tamarack Hollow Farm
Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, Owner, Evening Song Farm,
NOFA-Vermont

Bay Hammond, Owner, Doolittle Farm, Member,
Vermont Sheep and Goat Association

Bruce Henessey, Owner, Maple Wind Farm, Vermont
Grass Farmers Association

Allison Hope, Executive Director, Vermont Maple Sugar
Makers' Association

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

Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA VT

Emma Marvin, Executive Director, Vermont Maple Sugar
Makers Association Board of Directors

Jen Miller, Farmer Services Director, NOFA-Vermont

Corie Pierce, Co-owner, Bread and Butter Farm, Board
member, Rural Vermont

Sam Smith, Farm Business Specialist, Intervale Center

Andrea Stander, Policy Consultant, Rural Vermont

Joseph Tisbert, President, Vermont Farm Bureau

Mary White, Chair, Dairy Committee, Vermont Farm
Bureau

12:00 PM Committee Adjourns

2:00 PM House Convenes

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM House Convenes

Friday, September 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

funding guidelines for non-dairy farmers

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

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

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

10:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

2:00 PM **House Convenes**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues**

*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Funding for non-dairy farmers*

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

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

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

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

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

10:00 AM House Convenes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

*Joint hearing with Senate Agriculture Committee
Act 138 Amendment concerning grants for non-dairy
farmers*

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

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

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

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

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

10:30 AM **Committee Adjourns**

2:00 PM **House Convenes**

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM **House Convenes**

Friday, September 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM

House Convenes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

House Convenes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

COVID-19 Related Agricultural Issues

AAFM Meat Inspection

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

Caroline Gordon, Legislative Director, Rural Vermont

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

**9:15 AM H.674 - An act relating to the definition of housesite for
use value appraisals**

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

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM Committee Adjourns

2:00 PM House Convenes

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

2:00 PM	House Convenes
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Friday, September 18, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	House Convenes
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Monday, September 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

4:45 PM	House Floor
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5:00 PM	Retention of Superior Court Judges <i>Joint Assembly</i>
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Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	H.673 - An act relating to tree wardens
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Consideration of Senate proposal of amendment

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Christopher Bray, Sponsor, Senate Committee on
Natural Resources and Energy

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

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

10:00 AM	House Floor
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3:00 PM	House Floor
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Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **House Floor**

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

3:00 PM **House Floor**

Friday, September 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

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

3:00 PM

House Floor

