

REDWnG meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022

Meeting Notes

Rep. Partridge, Chair of House Agriculture & Forestry

- H.566 – Forest Futures bill will be added to the workforce development bill that will be heading to Senate Economic Development committee for their consideration
- H.706 – Combination of H.610 Airport Expansion and Waiver on Agriculture mitigation
 - Focused on accessory on farm business
 - House Natural Resources is reviewing and adding amendments – set to come out 3/17
 - Few questions about implications for towns without zoning

Rep. Bongartz on Act 250 Governance portion

- There's been progress on answering prior questions REDWnG committee had previously
- Prioritizing professionalization of staff, guidance of commission, and applications
- Current proposal treats each three positions as part time
- It will take time to get system running smoothly
- Possible veto of legislation

Amy Shollenberger and Brian Lowe on Working Lands and Community Access

- House Appropriation is considering \$15 million over 3 years for Working Lands