

2019-2020 Session

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Legislative Study Committee on Wetlands

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Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Meeting Called to Order
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Michael O'Grady, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

1:35 PM	Review of Legislative Charge
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Michael O'Grady, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

1:50 PM Election of Committee Chair

Committee Members

2:00 PM Overview of Wetlands Law and Agencies of Jurisdiction

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

2:45 PM Input of Agency of Natural Resources

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

3:30 PM Input of Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

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

4:15 PM Committee Discussion

5:15 PM Scheduling of Next Meetings

5:30 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Wetlands Functions and Values

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Agency of
Natural Resources

9:30 AM Wetlands Regulations in the State

Karina Dailey, Trudell Environmental Services

Art Gilman, Gilman & Briggs Consulting

10:15 AM Farming and Wetland Regulations

Jackie Folsom, Lobbyist, Vermont Farm Bureau

10:25 AM Wetland Regulations from a Developer Perspective

Pat O'Brien, SD Ireland

11:00 AM Wetlands Regulations at the Federal Level

*Committee Development of Questions for U.S. Army
Corps*

of Engineers to Answer at the October 23rd meeting

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

11:30 AM Environmental Advocates

Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director,
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Phil Huffman, Director of Government Relations and
Policy, The Nature Conservancy
David Mears, Executive Director, Audubon Vermont

12:15 PM Wetlands and the Ski Industry in Vermont

Jeff Nelson, Principal, VHB

12:30 PM Committee Discussion

1:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Legislative Study Committee on Wetlands <i>Committee Discussion</i>
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2:00 PM Public Comments on Wetlands

Members of the public wishing to testify can either sign up ahead of time by emailing lleezman@leg.state.vt.us, or sign up on the day of the hearing beginning at 12:30 PM at Space on Main, Bradford VT

Walter Gladstone, Owner, Newmont Farm, member
Vermont Dairy Producers Association

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

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources (Follow up from 10/9 meeting)

Earl Morrison, Barnet

Dave Thompson, ENV-SCI (Natural Studies) degree
student

Brett Urie, Craftsbury

Ernest Wright, Farmer, Derby

4:30 PM Adjourn Public Hearing

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM

Legislative Study Committee on Wetlands

Committee discussion

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources (Follow up from 10/9 meeting)

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

Public Comments on Wetlands

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sign up on the day of the hearing beginning at 12:30 PM
at the St. Albans Free Library.*

Michael Adams, Senior Project Manager, U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers

Jim Eikenberry, Wetlands Specialist, Natural Resources
Conservation Service

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Robert Fireovid, Owner, Health Hero Farm, South Hero

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources (Follow up from 10/9 meeting)

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Agency of
Natural Resources

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

4:30 PM Adjourn Public Hearing

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Legislative Study Committee on Wetlands

Committee discussion

9:30 AM Public Comments on Wetlands

Members of the public wishing to testify can either sign up ahead of time by emailing leeehman@leg.state.vt.us or sign up on the day of the hearing beginning at 8:30 AM at the Bridport Masonic/Community Hall

Heather Darby, Agronomy Specialist, UVM Extension

Brian Kemp, President, Champlain Valley Farmer
Coalition

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, Green Mountain Dairy
Farmers

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources (Follow up from 10/9 meeting)

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

Ed Payne

Pam Stefanek, Manager, Otter Creek Natural Resources
Conservation District

Adrian Wiegman, GUND Graduate Fellow, Rubenstein
School for Environment and Natural Resources

Friday, December 13, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Committee Discussion with Leg Council

Jessica Buckley, Vermont Association of Conservation
Districts

Laura Lapierre, Wetlands Program Manager, Agency of
Natural Resources (Follow up from 10/9 meeting)

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

Bill Rowell, Chair of Board, Vermont Dairy Producers
Alliance

Hannah Smith, Associate General Counsel, Agency of
Natural Resources

12:30 PM

Adjournment
