

FOREST FRAGMENTATION & PARCELIZATION ROUNDTABLE

Convened by Vermont Natural Resources Council

October 18, 2006 - 9:00 to 3:30

Langevin House, Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT

Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:15** **Welcome and Update on the Roundtable Process**
Jamey Fidel, Forest Program Director, VNRC
- Cindy Cook, Adamant Accord, Inc.*
Review Draft Sept. 18 Meeting Summary
- 9:15 - 9:45** **Vermont's Housing Market - Trends and Perspectives**
Philip K. Dodd - Vermont Property Owners Report
- 9:45 - 10:30** **The Current Situation on Forestland Valuation, Property Tax Policy, & VT's Preferential Tax Treatment (Current Use) Program**
Bill Johnson, State Director of Property Valuation and Review
Deb Brighton, Vermont Family Forests
- 10:30 - 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 - 11:00** **Overview of Other State's Use Value Appraisal Programs**
Jamey Fidel, VNRC
- 11:00 - 12:00** **Is the Current Situation Working for Forestland Sustainability**
Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation Perspective
George Weir - Consulting Foresters Association of Vermont
Deb Brighton - Vermont Family Forests
- 12:00 - 12:45** **Lunch**
- 12:45 - 1:00** **Federal Tax & Policy Considerations**
Todd Barker - Meridian Dialogue on Forested Lands and Taxation
- 1:00 - 1:45** **Vermont's Current Use Program, Long-Term Vision and Effects on Forest Sustainability**
Don Dennis - U.S. Forest Service Research Extension
Marta Ceroni - Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, UVM
Jessica Massanari - Department of Community Development and Applied Economics, UVM
- 1:45 - 3:15** **Discussion on Successes and Failures of Current Situation and Solutions to Address Gaps**
- 3:15 - 3:30** **Wrap Up and Next Meeting**
Jamey Fidel