

**Parcelization and Forest Fragmentation Roundtable  
Convened by the Vermont Natural Resources Council  
March 28, 2007  
Meeting Summary**

**Meeting Participants:** Putnam Blodgett, Marta Ceroni, Cindy Cook (Facilitator), Jamey Fidel, Ehrhard Frost, Bob Hawk, Tom Kennedy, Leo Laferriere, Jane Lazorchak, Hugo Liepmann, Mark Lorenzo, John Meyer, Carl Powden, Ethan Ready, Melissa Reichert, Lisa Sausville, Steve Sinclair, Eric Sorenson, Peter Upton, Andy Whitman, and Jonathan Wood.

**Legislative Update**

Jamey noted that the legislature continues to be interested in forestland issues. It is considering allocating \$50,000 for a study of the Current Use program. See House Bill 526, and a companion bill with the same language in the Senate.

**Draft Report**

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing and honing the draft report. Carl and John will send Jamey language re the need to consider the effects of policy on landowners' ability to own forest land. Steve will send Jamey language expanding on a recommendation that landowner collaboratives be supported. Jamey will convene a call of the drafting committee to make some final revisions, and then circulate the report. Participants asked that it be made clear that while active participants are in general agreement regarding the report's recommendations, not all participants fully endorse all the recommendations.

**On-Going Roundtable Meetings**

The group agreed that it would like to continue meeting, but on a less intensive basis –perhaps quarterly. Jamey will schedule a meeting to discuss implementation after the final report is finished. A suggested topic for a future meeting is wind and biomass energy. Andy suggested a discussion to identify “low-hanging fruit”, and that in the future, the roundtable might want to form working groups to explore particular issues.

**Report Roll Out**

Jamey will look into renting the Cedar Creek Room, to hold a press conference to draw attention to the Roundtable's report.