

Forest Roundtable
Convened by Vermont Natural Resources Council
February 24, 2009 –9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Langevin House, Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT
Draft Agenda

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome, Introductions and Update on the Roundtable Process**

Jamey Fidel, Forest Program Director, VNRC

9:10 – 9:40 **Update on Federal Legislation, Including Provisions in Economic Stimulus Bill**

Staff from Congressional Delegation

9:40 – 10:10 **Updates from Secretary Wood and Commissioner Gibbs on Agency of Natural Resources and Forests, Parks, and Recreation's Budget and Other Issues** (Based On Availability)

10:10 –10:50 **Discussion on Overlap of Climate Change Work in the State and Policy of Reducing Forestland Conversion; Opportunities for Developing Concrete Strategies**

10:50 -11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Update from Steve Sinclair on Changes to Current Use Program, Forest Legacy Assessment of Need, and Discussion on State Assessment and Resource Strategy**

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch (provided)**

1:00 – 2:30 **Discussion on Biomass Projects, Legislation and Policy in VT**

Bob Perschel – Forest Guild Reports

Overview of VT Legislation, Proposed Projects, and Related Work in Other States

2:30 – 3:00 **Open Discussion – Next Steps for Roundtable**

DIRECTIONS • From the Exit 4 ramp on Rt. 89, turn onto Rt. 66 heading uphill away from McDonalds. • Proceed 3/4 mile to intersection at top of hill (cars traveling up the hill have right of way at the intersection). • To reach the Langevin House Conference Center, bear left at intersection, then take your first right onto Furnace Road. Continue straight 1/2 mile and turn right.