



Act 250: What's Next?

Striking the Best Balance for Vermont's Communities, Environment, and Economy

Thursday, May 24, 8:00am-3:30pm

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont

Presented by the Vermont Planners Association, Vermont Law School, Vermont Natural Resources Council, and VTDigger.org, in collaboration with the Natural Resources Board and the Commission on Act 250: The Next 50 Years

Agenda

- 8:00 **Registration opens:** Enjoy morning refreshments and networking
- 8:45 **Welcome:** David Mears, Director, Vermont Law School, Environmental Law Center
- 8:50 **Introductions to the Day**
- Rep. Amy Sheldon, Chair, Vermont Commission on Act 250: The Next 50 Years
 - David Mears: Issues, Opportunities, and Challenges
- 9:10 **Fifty Years of Act 250, Almost:** Diane Snelling, Chair, Natural Resources Board and Rob Woolmington, of Woolmington, Campbell, Bent, & Stasny, PC: stories and heroics of the law, especially the early years.
- 9:45 Break
- 9:55 **Business Perspectives: A250's future:** Anne Galloway, VTDigger.org (moderator) with panelists Jeanne Morrissey, JAMorrissey, Inc; Bob Duncan, Duncan Wisniewski Architecture; Mark Delaney, Smugglers Notch; and Kathy Beyer, Housing Vermont
- 11- noon **Outside Perspectives:** Brian Shupe, VNRC (moderator) with panelists Josh Brower, Washington State; Dru Schmidt-Perkins, Maryland; Rob Sanford, Maine. What's happening elsewhere that could help inform Vermont with its challenges?
- Lunch Welcome from Thomas McHenry, President and Dean, Vermont Law School
- Vermont's Emerging Trends: Maps to Think About:** John Adams, Director, Vermont Center for Geographic Information
- 1:30-3:30 **Breakout sessions:** These deep dives into "top issues" will help clarify the issues, identify areas needing more feedback and research, and identify commonly-held recommendations.

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