

VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #8 – 2008

VPA Legislative Committee Members Assignments: Fred Dunnington (VT Legislative Liaison), Sharon Murray (NNECAPA Legislative Liaison) - - both of us are assigned to particularly follow bills on Housing / 'New Neighborhoods', Chapter 117 Technical Corrections, and Planning Coordination, Sarah Hadd (Prime Ag bills), Scott Gustin (Riparian buffer bill), Greg Brown ('New' Neighborhoods), Brian Shupe and Mike Munson (Growth Centers, 'New' neighborhoods, impact fees), Deb Sachs (Energy and Climate Change), Peg Elmer (Planning Coordination and Chapter 117 Technical Corrections) and Lani Ravin (stormwater legislation).

New Bills of Note -H.873 AN ACT RELATING TO THE CLEANUP OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND OTHER STATE WATERS

Introduced by Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the agency of natural resources (ANR) to amend the implementation plan for the Vermont-specific portion of the total maximum daily load (TMDL) plan for Lake Champlain instead of reopening the TMDL for Lake Champlain. The bill also requires ANR to submit to the general assembly a schedule for the issuance and implementation of the TMDLs for the 17 stormwater-impaired waters of the state. It also clarifies that a residential subdivision may transfer to a municipality property subject to an expired stormwater permit. In addition, the bill clarifies when a pollution abatement facility will be required to implement an operation, management, and emergency response plan. It also exempts composting from the requirements of Act 250.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-873.htm>

COMMITTEE AGENDAS – of note –

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

10:00
a.m.

Housing & Conservation Day

Room: 11, State House

Erhard Mahnke, Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

Amy Wright, Director of Development, Cathedral Square Corp., So. Burlington

Eric Farrell, President, Farrell Real Estate, Colchester

John Nopper, President, Valley Cares, Inc., Townshed

Richard Slusky, CEO, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center

Bruce Whitney, Homeownership Center Director, Rockingham Area Community Land Trust, Springfield

Open Testimony (10:55 a.m.)

Elisabeth Kulas, Executive Director, Rutland County Community Land Trust (11:05 a.m.)

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE & WATER RESOURCES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

10:00AM **FLOOR**
1:00PM **CAUCUS**
2:30PM **Committee Amendment-TMDL**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

8:30AM **H.685 Enforcement of Environmental Laws**
10:00AM **FLOOR**
1:00PM **FLOOR**
2:30PM **H.685**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

8:30AM **H.685**
10:00AM **FLOOR**
1:00PM **FLOOR**
2:30PM **H.685**

Friday, February 29, 2008

8:30AM **TBA**
9:30AM **FLOOR**
11:00AM **TBA**
1:00PM **TBA**

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

9:00 am **H.863, Comprehensive Housing Bill**

10:00 am **House Convenes**
After **H.863, (Cont'd)**
12:00 **Lunch**
1:00 pm **Caucus**
2:30 pm **H.863, Cont'd, Vote**

Molly Dugan, Deputy Commissioner,
Dept Housing & Community Affairs
Chris D'Elia, Vt Bankers Association

HOUSE GENERAL, HOUSING & MILITARY AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

8:30 a.m. **H.352 - Reducing Lead Hazards in Housing - Review of Possible Amendments**
Committee Discussion
9:15 a.m. **H.863 - Creation and Preservation of Affordable Housing and Smart Growth
Development - Review of Possible Amendments**
Committee Discussion
10:00 a.m. **Floor Convenes**
15 Min. **To Be Announced**
after Adj.

1:15 p.m. **Caucus**
15 Min. **To Be Announced**
after
Caucus

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

7:30 - 9:00 a.m. **FYI - VT Housing and Conservation Coalition Breakfast in the Cafeteria**

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10:00 - 11:15 a.m. **VT Housing and Conservation Board Funding - Hearing**
Room 11

15 Min. **To Be Announced**
after Adj.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **FYI - VT Housing and Conservation Coalition Ice Cream in the Cafeteria**

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **FYI - VT Homebuilders and Remodelers Association Reception at the Capital Plaza**

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HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

10:00AM **FLOOR**
11:00AM-12:00PM **Committee Discussion**
OMYA
Jasmine Tanguay, CLF Ventures
Laura Green, Cambridge Environmental
Stephen Zemba, Cambridge Environmental
Peter Zeeb, Geosyntec Consultants
David Adilman, Geosyntec Consultants
1:00PM **CAUCUS**
2:30PM **H.561 Allowing Business Directional Signs In Adjoining Municipalities**
Amy Gamble, VT Agency of Transportation

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

9:00AM **H.863**
10:00AM **FLOOR**
11:00AM-12:00PM **Committee Discussion-Housing**
VT Housing and Conservation Coalition
1:00PM **FLOOR**
2:00PM **H.863**

Thursday, February 28, 2008

9:00AM **new Bill Introduction**
10:00AM **FLOOR**
1:00PM **FLOOR**
2:00PM **TBA**

Friday, February 29, 2008

9:30AM **FLOOR**
11:00AM **TBA**
1:00PM **TBA**

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

11:00 a.m. **Limitation of Use on State Highways**
Rich Tetreault, AOT

Friday, February 29, 2008

9:30 a.m. **Change of Use**
Rich Tetreault, AOT

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

4:00 pm **H. 111 Unidentified Corridors**

Trevor Lashua, VT League of Cities and Towns

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

10:00 a.m. **FLOOR**

10:30 a.m. **S.350 - Energy Bill 2 - final mark-up**

or whenever off the floor

Alex Lee, Project Laundry List

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

9:00 a.m. **S.304 - Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Program**

Bob Pomykala, Pres., Vermont Vegetable Growers, Grand isle

Committee discussion

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. **S.152 - Prevention of Lead Poisoning**

Mark-up

11:30 a.m. **Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition**

Erhard Mahnke, Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition

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Amy Shollenberger, Rural Vermont

Mark-up

9:30 a.m. **S.152 - Prevention of Lead Poisoning**

Mark-up

9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. **JRH51 - Reusable Shopping Bags - ROOM 10**

Students, Hanover High School

11:30 a.m. **FLOOR**

5:15 p.m. **To be announced**

Friday, February 29, 2008

9:00 a.m. **To be announced**

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. **To be announced**

11:30 a.m. **FLOOR**

Links to VPA's bills of interest:

H.863 AN ACT RELATING TO CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SMART GROWTH DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-863.htm>

S.267 Potential traffic impact - notice to potential interested parties

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-267.htm>

S.268 – Act 250 Criterion 9B

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-268.htm>

S.287 -State planning coordination bill

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-287.htm>

S.300 - Conservation; Act 250; smart growth principles and state funding

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-300.htm>

S.304 Groundwater protection; groundwater withdrawal

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-304.HTM>

S.317 – Chapter 117 Technical Corrections

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-317.htm>

S.325 – TIF (Tax Increment Financing) technical corrections bill

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/S-325.htm>

H. 561 - tourism directional / off premises business signs

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-561.HTM>

H.594 - Chapter 117 interested person status; conservation commission

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-594.htm>

H.669 Downtown Program designation renewals 3yrs to 5yrs

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-669.htm>

H.694 AN ACT RELATING TO ALLOWING MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DECISIONS TO BE MADE BY MAJORITY VOTE, A QUORUM BEING PRESENT

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-694.htm>

H.696 AN ACT RELATING TO GIVING ACT 250 APPLICANTS THE OPTION OF ON-THE-RECORD REVIEW

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-696.htm>

H.697 AN ACT RELATING TO REQUIRING THAT JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PLANNING AND ZONING CHAPTER DECISIONS IN TOWNS OF MORE THAN 5,000 PERSONS BE CONDUCTED ON THE RECORD

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-697.htm>

H.698 AN ACT RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM FEE-SETTING PROCEDURE FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-698.htm>

H.722 24 V.S.A. § 4454 ENFORCEMENT; LIMITATIONS - actions involving “curb cut” and other permits for working within a town highway right-of-way limited to a 15-year statute of limitations.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-722.htm>

H.703 AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDING ACT 250 TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICANT TO MITIGATE THE LOSS OF CERTAIN NECESSARY WILDLIFE HABITAT

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-703.htm>

H.801 AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-801.htm>

H.792 AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL BYLAWS

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-792.htm>

H.821 AN ACT RELATING TO TAX INCENTIVE FINANCING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-821.htm>

H.841 AN ACT RELATING TO A CONCIERGE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-841.htm>

H.828 AN ACT RELATING TO INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING THAT WILL BE PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE TO LOW INCOME VERMONTERS (statewide 20% inclusionary zoning) SHORT FORM

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