

VPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT #11 – 2008

VPA Legislative Committee Members : Chair: Dana Farley. Fred Dunnington (VT Legislative Liaison), Sharon Murray (NNECAPA Legislative Liaison), Sarah Hadd , Scott Gustin, Mike Munson , Deb Sachs, Peg Elmer.

On the House Calendar Tuesday 3/24/08

H.549 Riparian Buffers Bill

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/calendar/hc080325.htm>

Committee agendas of note:

HOUSE FISH, WILDLIFE & WATER RESOURCES

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

10:00AM **H.446 A Local Option Property Transfer Surtax to Fund a Municipality's Local Land Bank Fund**

Rep. Sarah Edwards, House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy

Jamey Fidel, Forest Program Director, VNRC (10:15AM)

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

10:00AM **Floor**

11:00AM **S.364 A Comprehensive Vertical Audit and Reliability Assessment of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Facility**

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

9:00 **Change of Land Use**
a.m.

Peter Gregory, RPC's
Rich Tetreault, AOT
Trevor Lashua, VLCT

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

Thursday, March 27, 2008

9:00 am **Tax Increment Finance Districts (TIF). Review of S.191, VLCT & Tax Dept
Proposals, H.614 Winooski TIF, Milton Problem**

Emily Bergquist, Legislative Council

Sara Teachout, Joint Fiscal Office

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

1:30 **FY09 Budget--Agency of Commerce & Community Affairs--
- Overview/Administration**

2:00

James
Saudade
Katheran
Fisher

4:00 **FY09 Budget--Housing & Community Affairs**

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4:30

John Hall

SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & GENERAL AFFAIRS

[No action on H.863 scheduled this week]

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

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Ordinances**

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Rep. Bill Botzow

Karen Horn, VLCT

SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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9:00 a.m. **Rail Crossing Study**

Glenn Gershaneck, Transportation Board

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair

David Wulfson, Vermont Rail Systems

Jackie Folsum, Farm Bureau

Links to VPA's bills of interest:

As passed House:

H.863 AN ACT RELATING TO CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SMART GROWTH DEVELOPMENT [In Senate Economic Development & Housing Committee]

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

H.669 Downtown Program designation renews 3yrs to 5yrs - passed House – in Senate

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

Pending:

S.304 Groundwater protection; groundwater withdrawal [On Senate Calendar for 3rd reading]

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

H.685 Environmental Enforcement Bill [In House Appropriations]

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/calendar/hc080317.htm>

As introduced – but not making ‘crossover’ :

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

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

S.268 – Act 250 Criterion 9B - SNR&E

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

S.287 -State planning coordination bill - SNR&E

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

S.317 – Chapter 117 Technical Corrections SNR&E
<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 -SEDH&GA
<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 - HNR&E
<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 – HGov Ops
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-594.htm>

H.694 AN ACT RELATING TO ALLOWING MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DECISIONS TO BE MADE BY MAJORITY VOTE, A QUORUM BEING PRESENT – HGov Ops
<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 - HNR&E
<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 - HNR&E
<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 -H Ways+Means
<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. - In House Judiciary
<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 - In H F,W&WR
<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 - In H F,W&WR
<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 – HGov Ops
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-792.htm>

H.821 TAX INCENTIVE FINANCING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -H Ways+Means
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-821.htm>

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