

# When Government's Cooperate – State Government Municipal Day

September 19, 2017

374 Emerson Falls Road, Suite 4, St. Johnsbury

## DRAFT AGENDA

**8:00 – 8:30**      **Registration, Coffee and Pastries**

**8:30- 9:00**      **Opening Remarks: Intro to Permit Specialists**

Pete Kopsco (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

**9:00-10:00**      **Supporting and Managing Rural Enterprises in Your Community**

Stephanie Smith (*Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets*)

Vera Simon-Nobes (*Shelburne Farms*)

Vermont's farms can foster economic growth in your rural areas while respecting the character of the rural landscape, and municipalities have a strong role in supporting some surprising ventures. In this session, we look at on-farm business models that make farming sustainable, and how a municipality can enable development of innovative and diverse on-farm businesses while managing potential impacts and preserving the countryside.

**10:00-10:15**      **Break**

**10:15-11:45**      **EPM Reporting, Rivers and Roads Training, and Stormwater Rules for Town Roads**

Todd Menees and Jim Ryan (*Department of Environmental Conservation*)

Milly Archer (*Vermont League of Cities and Towns*)

Floods happen, and they can take a toll on town infrastructure. In this workshop, learn about emergency flood repair measures and discuss how towns using Emergency Protective Measures web reporting can expedite Stream Alteration Permitting during emergency flood response. Attendees will also hear about the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), intended to achieve significant reductions in stormwater-related erosion from municipal roads, both paved and unpaved.

**11:45-12:00**      **Break**

**12:00-1:00**      **Brown-bag Lunch Discussion – Act 250: Preparing for the Next 50 Years**

Kirsten Sultan (*District 7 Environmental Commission*)

The State's precedent-setting land use law – Act 250 – will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2020! Leading up to this notable milestone, "The Commission on Act 250: The Next 50 Years" will look at desirable and necessary changes to the Act. Join us to learn about the Commission's work, and bring your ideas and voices to this workshop in order to change the future! The NRB is interested in hearing municipal perspectives on where local planning should intersect with Act 250, ideas for criterion responsive to climate change, and other shifts in natural resources protection.