



Board of Foresters Minutes

Foresters Board

Oct 9, 2023 at 1:00 PM EDT

@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH, USA

Attendance Present:

Members: Ann Davis, Patrick Hackley, Steven Roberge, Richard Roy

Guests: Marla Pike, Board Administrator, Shane Goulet, Board Counsel

Zoom: Colleen O'Neil

Absent: Board Member Patrick Kenney

I. Call To Order

Board Chair Steven Roberge called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

II. Review of Public Minutes from August 30, 2023 -

The Board reviewed the public minutes from August 30, 2023. Board Member Richard Roy made a motion to approve the minutes from August 30, 2023. Board Member Patrick Hackley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business - Secretary of State

A. Secretary of State - Certificate of Authorization

Board Chair Steven Roberge asked Board Counsel Shane Goulet if there was any update on reaching out to the Secretary of State to establish a Certificate of Authorization for the Board of Foresters with the Secretary of State to avoid having individuals apply for a forestry company without a New Hampshire Licensed Forester at the company. Board Counsel Shane Goulet informed the Board that he had not heard back from the Secretary of States office but he would check with them again to see what needs to be done to create a Certificate of Authorization for the Board of Foresters.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates -

A. Board Member parking spaces

The Board reviewed the parking information for future Board meetings.

B. Fors 200 – Rules of Practice and Procedure - Public Hearing: Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM

Board noted that there will be a rules hearing on November 1, 2023 on the For 200 rules.

Licensure - None

Board noted

V. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Fors 300 - Review final proposal

Board reviewed the 300 rules for final proposal. Board Member Colleen O'Neill made a motion to approve the 300 rules as amended. Board Member Ann Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. House Bill 266 - This went into effect on 8/29/23 (requirement for hybrid and virtual agency public comment hearings for rulemaking)

Noted by the Board

C. House Bill 358 - This goes into effect on 10/3/23 (relative to the filing and adoption of proposed administrative rules)

Noted by the Board

D. House Bill 308 - This goes into effect on 10/3/23 (relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence)

Noted by the Board

E. House Bill 321 - this goes into effect on 10/3/23 (relative to minutes from Non-Public session under the right to know law)

Noted by the Board

VI. Board meeting agenda for 2024 - January 17, 2024, May 29, 2024, & September 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Noted by the Board

VII. Non-Public Session - No Non-Public Agenda

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

VIII. Resume Public Session

IX. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

- X. Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

- XI. Adjournment - Next meeting to be held on November 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.
Board Member Richard Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m. Board Member Ann Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.