

BOARD OF NATURAL SCIENTISTS MINUTES

A meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Natural Scientists was held on October 17, 2022. The meeting was held at the OPLC offices at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH. The public may join in-person as well as via video/teleconference.

Board Members present in-person: Board Chair Damon Burt, Board Member Christopher Albert, Board Member James Long and Board Member Abigail Fopiano.

Also present in-person from OPLC: Board Administrators Dawn Couture and Marla Pike

I. **Call to order** – 9:04 a.m.

- II. **Review of the Public Minutes from the June 16, 2022, meeting** – Board Member Christopher Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member James Long to approve the public minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

III. **New Business** –

A. Letter from SSSNNE Board of Directors – The Board received a letter from the Society of Soil Scientist of Northern New England, recommending a few suggestive rule changes to the education and experience requirements for obtaining a certification as a soil scientist. The Board is currently in rule making process and will review the sections of Soil 302 regarding qualification for a certification as a soil scientist.

B. 2023 Board Meeting Dates – Noted.

IV. **Applications to Review** –

A. Apprentices – Board Member Christopher Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Damon Burt to approve the following applicant as wetland scientist apprentice with the following license number. The motion passed unanimously.

Appl. # 22-17 Polina Safran, Apprentice WSA-071

B. Wetland written exam – Board Member Christopher Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Damon Burt to allow the following applicants to sit for the next wetland written exam which is to be held in March 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Appl. # 22-08 Truman A. Cavallaro

Appl. # 22-12 Conor B. Makepeace

Appl. #22-15 Mark Kiburz

C. Conditional approval – Board Member Christopher Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Damon Burt to allow the following applicants to

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sit for the next wetland written exam upon approval of receiving their function of value form.

Appl. # 22-13 Samuel N. Hayden

Appl. #22-14 Tucker Gordon

Appl. #22-16 Jamie McCarthy

V. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics –

A. Proposed draft administrative rules, 100 – 500 various sections – The Board held a discussion. The Board will review the 400 – 500's at their next meeting.

1. 100's various sections – Board Member Christopher Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Damon Burt to approve the final proposal. The motion passed unanimously. Board Member Abigail Fopiano made a motion to add two new definitions under Soil 102.01 that are defined in RSA 310-A76: III & IV. Board Chair Damon Burt Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. 200's various sections – Board Member Christopher Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Damon Burt to approve the final proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
3. 300's various sections – The Board held a discussion and additional changes were requested. Tina Kelley was present. Tina will add the changes as requested and submit it to the Board at their next meeting.

B. Date and Time of next meeting – ***December 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.***

VI. Adjournment – Board Member Abigail Fopiano made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Christopher Albert to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Couture
Board Administrator II