



Summit on the Future of Vermont's Working Landscape

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Speaker, Panelist, and Facilitator Bios

Bob Ackland ~ Managing Director, Steep Management

PANELIST: ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION WITH THE WORKING LANDSCAPE STEERING COMMITTEE

Bob Ackland is Managing Director of Steep Management, a Vermont-based firm providing strategic direction and operational support to ski resorts and mountain resort communities seeking to establish long-term financial sustainability. He has served as CEO of Mad River Glen and President of Sugarbush Resort, both located in the Mad River Valley of Vermont. He also served as CEO of one of the premier yacht repair companies on the East Coast before entering the ski resort industry. Bob has lived in resort-based communities most of his adult life and has invested significant time with non-profits dealing with resort economic development. Currently he serves as Treasurer and Board Member. He also serves as a selectman in the Town of Warren and was the former Chairman of the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Christa Alexander ~ Jericho Settlers Farm

PANELIST: AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCT INNOVATORS

Christa Alexander operates a diversified family farm with her husband, Mark Fasching, and children in Jericho, Vermont. Jericho Settlers Farm produces grassfed meat and eggs and organic vegetables on 250 leased acres. Marketing through a year-round CSA, farmstand, farmers market, and local stores and restaurants, they sell all of the food they produce within 30 miles of the farm. From breeding to finish, they raise all their own livestock, focusing on heritage breeds known to produce quality meat on a grass-based system. Starting with just a small roadside stand in 2002, Christa and her family now produce over 10 acres of vegetables and annually manage a 1000 hen laying flock, 2000 broiler chickens, 100 pigs, 80 lambs, and 80 head of cattle, resulting in a successful year-round diversified farm.

Roger Allbee ~ Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Foods and Markets

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Roger Allbee was appointed as Secretary of Agriculture, Foods and Markets in January 2007. The Secretary provides leadership for one of Vermont's largest industries, agriculture, and administers numerous regulatory, food safety and consumer protection programs for the benefit of Vermonters. Prior to that, Sec. Allbee served as the State Executive Director of the Farm Services Agency. His accomplishments are extensive and vary from serving as a Senior International Business Consultant for agricultural trade policy to acting as a professional staff member of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture. Recently, USDA Secretary Edward Shafer appointed Mr. Allbee to the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade (ATAC) in Animals and Animal Products. In this role, he provides technical advice on U.S. agricultural trade issues to the USDA Secretary and the United States Trade Representative playing a significant role in shaping U.S. agricultural trade policy.

John Bramley ~ Windham Foundation and Grafton Village Cheese

PANELIST: FUTURE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE

John Bramley was born and educated in the United Kingdom. He graduated with first class honors B.Sc. in Microbiology from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1971 and completed his Ph.D. in Veterinary Microbiology from the University of Reading in 1975. Between 1975 and 1985 he was a research scientist at the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Shinfield, UK, becoming an internationally-recognized authority on bovine mastitis. In 1985, he moved to the Institute for Animal Health in Compton, UK, where he led a large multi-disciplinary research group and then was appointed Head of the Division of Environmental Science. In 1990, he came to Vermont to Chair the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Vermont. In 1999 he was appointed Dean of the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALS) and Director of the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station. In 2001 he became the University of

Vermont Provost and Senior Vice President. Dr. Bramley left the University of Vermont at the end of 2007 to become the President and CEO of the Windham Foundation, a private operating foundation located in Grafton, Vermont engaged in philanthropic, charitable and educational activities. The Foundation operates the Grafton Village Cheese Company, The Old Tavern at Grafton, and the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro. Dr. Bramley was an inaugural inductee of the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame and is a member of the Vermont Academy of Sciences. He serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of Vermont Public Radio and chairs their Finance and Investment Committees.

Deb Brighton ~ Economist

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Deb Brighton, Economist. For the past fifteen years Deb has been working primarily as a consultant to the Vermont Legislature, towns, and nonprofit organizations on property tax, economic, equity, and land use issues. This focus arose from directing Vermont's Use Value Appraisal Program for its first eight years and seeing the inequitable and often counter-productive consequences of the property tax. She is also working with Vermont Family Forests setting up community forests—conserved forest parcels in which community members can own shares, protecting the forest while allowing lower-income Vermonters an opportunity to own carefully managed forest land. She previously worked as the systems analyst for the Green Mountain National Forest. She served on the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and now serves on the boards of the Vermont Land Trust, the Vermont Community Foundation and Vermont Family Forests as well as on the Salisbury Planning Commission. She has a BA in literature from Tufts and a MS in Forestry from UVM.

Greg Brown ~ Select Board Member, Dummerston

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Greg Brown has worked in planning in Vermont for over 25 years. As a staff planner at the Windham Regional Commission, Planning Director and eventually commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and most recently as Executive Director of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, he has worked with all levels of public sector planning. While at DHCA he played a key role in the creation of the Vermont Downtown Program and in preparation of amendments to Chapter 117. At CCRPC Greg worked to develop better ways to make urban planning work in a very rural state, and how to reconcile the diverse land use goals set forth in Act 250 and Act 200. Greg has a BA in Political Science and a Ph.D. in History. Recently retired, Greg and his wife Carolyn live in Dummerston where he serves on the town Selectboard.

Kristin Carlson ~ WCAX News

MODERATOR: AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCT INNOVATORS

Paul Costello ~ Executive Director, Vermont Council on Rural Development

SUMMIT EMCEE

Paul Costello has served as the Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development since 2000. VCRD runs an annual Rural Summit, and conducts "Community Visits" that help rural communities build priorities, set action plans, and build connections to resources. In the last few years VCRD has founded and produced the Vermont Agriculture Viability Council, the Vermont Forest Products Council, the Vermont Council on Culture and Innovation, the Vermont Council on Planning, the Vermont Rural Energy Council and the Council on the Future of Vermont and has led statewide policy discussions around rural telecom and built strategies to support community-based aggregation. VCRD is leading the Vermont Working Landscape Partnership to support the development of new enterprises on the land in rural Vermont and manages the e-Vermont Community Broadband program. Paul is a UVM alumnus and holds a PhD in intellectual history from McGill University.

Tom Debevoise ~ Dairy Farmer and Chair, Council on the Future of Vermont

PLENARY: THE IMPORTANCE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE ~ CONCLUSIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE FUTURE OF VERMONT

Tom Debevoise was brought up in Woodstock and Washington D.C. After graduating with a BA from Yale in 1978, he held several farm and forestry jobs and took agricultural courses at Michigan State University. In 1981 he was hired as manager at Upwey Farm in South Woodstock. He and his wife, Dr. Laurie Livingston, now own the property and milk 65 registered holsteins with part time hired help as well as help from their three sons and his mother, who still lives on the "home farm" in West Woodstock. Tom has served on, and sometimes chaired, Woodstock's selectboard and high school board, and held other local government positions. He was a voting representative for his district in the Agrimark/Cabot Dairy Cooperative. He chaired the board of the Woodstock National Bank, and served on the boards of First Vermont Bank, Banknorth Vermont, the Woodstock Foundation, the Vermont Land Trust, and as founding president of the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club. He first became involved with the Vermont Council on Rural Development as chairman of its town visit to Woodstock in 2006, and more recently chaired its Council on the Future of Vermont.

Catherine Dimitruk ~ Executive Director, Northwest Regional Planning Commission**BREAKOUT DISCUSSION FACILITATOR**

Catherine Dimitruk has worked at the Northwest Regional Planning Commission in St. Albans, Vermont for 14 years, the last twelve as Executive Director. She has led the organization through a period of substantial growth and change in the region. She assists municipalities with local planning and zoning, works with communities and regional organizations on project planning and implementation, and participates in regional planning efforts for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, watershed planning, growth center development and conservation. Her prior experience includes work in municipal planning and community development. She serves on numerous boards and commissions in professional and volunteer capacities, including the Vermont Council on Rural Development and Franklin-Grand Isle LEAD.

David A. Donath ~ President, The Woodstock Foundation**PANELIST: FUTURE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE**

David A. Donath is president of The Woodstock Foundation, Inc. and a trustee of the Foundation, which owns and operates the Billings Farm & Museum, which he directs. The Foundation is also the primary operating partner of the Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park. The Foundation also is the sole shareholder of WRC Holdings LLC, which owns and operates the Woodstock Inn and Resort. He formerly was the director of the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and he previously directed historic sites and was preservation historian for the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Mr. Donath is chair of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), a trustee of Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc. (JHPI), a member of the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, a member (former chair) of the Vermont State Advisory Council for Historic Preservation (gubernatorial appointment), and a member of the Woodstock Associates. He was also appointed to the Governor's 2009-10 study group on heritage stewardship in Vermont and the steering committee of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture's "Taste of Place" initiative (2009-). He has served as volunteer faculty member for the Fund for Arts & Culture (cultural heritage seminar in Velikiy Novgorod, Russia, 2010) and is a member of the museum council of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and the advisory council of the Western Heritage Center. He is a former member of the National Museum and Library Services Board (Presidential appointment) and the governing boards of AASLH, the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM), the Forest History Society, the Vermont Historical Society, and the Woodstock Historical Society. He has BS and MA degrees in Education and History from the University of Vermont and has completed coursework toward a PhD in American History at the University of Wisconsin.

Joe Fusco ~ Casella Waste Systems**BREAKOUT DISCUSSION FACILITATOR**

Joe Fusco is an advisor to the chairman and CEO at Casella Waste Systems, Inc. and serves as a Fellow of the Bell Leadership Institute in Chapel Hill, N.C. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Council on Rural Development. He has served on the Vermont General Assembly Speaker's Business Advisory Council, and is a former member of the boards of directors of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation. Prior to joining Casella in 1995, Joe was an Albany, N.Y.-based political and corporate communications consultant serving political candidates, state-level political parties, lobbyists, public affairs advocacy groups and corporate clients (energy, software, and retail) throughout the northeastern U.S. He has also held several staff positions in the New York State Legislature.

Steve Gold**BREAKOUT DISCUSSION FACILITATOR**

Steve Gold retired from State employment in the summer of 2007, after 35 years of service. He works part time as a consultant to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Office. In the Douglas administration, he served until he retired as Deputy Secretary of Human Services. Prior to that, he was Deputy Secretary of Administration and before that, Commissioner of Corrections. During the last four years of the Dean administration, he served as Commissioner of the then Dept. of Employment and Training. From 1993 to 1999, he was Welfare to Work Programs Director in the then Dept. of Social Welfare, where he directed the Reach Up Program and was intensely involved in the design and implementation of Vermont's welfare reform initiative. For the 20 years before his DSW work, Steve worked in the alcohol and other drug abuse field in Vermont. He is committed to the theory and practice of prevention in the public sector services. On the community level, Steve currently serves on the Board of Vermont Works for Women and the Development Committee for the Turtle Island Children's Center. He is a member of the Council on the Future of Vermont and is active with the Snelling Center for Government. In 1996, Steve graduated from the inaugural class of the Vermont Leadership Institute's Class. Joe Fusco, Casella Waste Management

Chris Graff ~ Vice President, National Life Group**PANEL MODERATOR: FUTURE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE**

Chris Graff is a vice president of National Life Group, a contributing editor of Vermont Business Magazine, and a trustee of Vermont College of Fine Arts. He served on the Council on the Future of Vermont and worked as a journalist for more than 30 years.

Allison Hooper ~ co-founder, Vermont Butter and Cheese Creamery

PANELIST: FUTURE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE

Allison Hooper is co-founder of Vermont Butter and Cheese Creamery. Before starting that business in 1984 with Bob Reese, she was a dairy products quality technician with the Vermont Department of Agriculture. She began her career as a cheesemaking apprentice in Brittany and Haute Alps while studying in France. Ms. Hooper has served on the Board of Directors for the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, a state initiative fostering economic development in environmental technology, agriculture and forestry. She is currently on the Board of the Vermont Fresh Network, an organization that promotes local, sustainable food distribution through farmer-to-chef partnerships. Allison and her business partner Bob Reese were awarded Vermont Small Business Persons of the Year in 1996. She has worked for Land O Lakes International Development to revitalize domestic cheesemaking in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In 1997 Allison became the Founding- President of the Vermont Cheese Council. From 2007 through 2009, Allison served as President of the country's principal trade association for artisan and specialty cheese producers, the American Cheese Society. With their three teenage sons, Miles, Sam, and Jay, Allison and her husband Don live on their tilted hill farm in Brookfield where Vermont Creamery began 27 years ago.

Andrew Kehler ~ Jasper Hill Cheese

PANELIST: AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCT INNOVATORS

Jolinda H. LaClair

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION FACILITATOR

Jolinda H. LaClair served as State Director of USDA Rural Development (RD) for Vermont and New Hampshire from 2001 - 2009, managing a staff of 64 and delivering over 40 loan and grant programs providing financial and technical assistance to foster growth opportunities for business development, home ownership, and critical community infrastructure. During this eight year term period, RD invested over \$1 billion in VT and NH. LaClair currently serves on the boards of the Vermont Community Foundation, Vermont Works for Women, and the Agriculture Innovation Center. She is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the Vermont Council on Rural Development, and served as a board member for Housing Vermont, as well as a member of a regional initiative to create a four-state economic development strategy for the Northern Forest region. She is a former State Advisor for the University of Vermont Extension. Prior to joining RD, LaClair worked for U.S. Senator James Jeffords for 15 years in roles ranging from State Director to Campaign Manager. Jolinda also worked as Director of Congressional Relations for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. LaClair has a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Vermont. Professional development includes mediation training from Woodbury College, Campaign Management College, State Directors' training, and Masters in Public Administrations courses. She resides in Middlesex with her partner, Bob Rosane, and big dog 'Baxter'.

Gil Livingston ~ Executive Director, Vermont Land Trust

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Gil Livingston, Executive Director, Vermont Land Trust. Gil Livingston graduated from the University of Vermont (B.A. 1975, Political Science) and received his law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law (J.D. magna cum laude 1978). He was admitted to the practice of law in California (1978) and Vermont (1979). He worked for the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission as an undergraduate and served a legal internship with the California Supreme Court during law school. After law school he worked for two years for a small Burlington law firm specializing in municipal planning and zoning and environmental work, followed by a stint at Vermont Legal Aid and then at the Vermont Attorney General's Office doing environmental and employment discrimination work. He was Executive Officer to the Vermont Environmental Board for three years where he managed Vermont's statewide Act 250 land use permit program. He then worked as a staff attorney for the Chittenden County Public Defender. Gil was Counsel and Vice President for Land Conservation at VLT from 1990 to 2006, becoming president in early 2007. He is a past member and chair of the ACLU/Vermont Board of Directors; past Chair of the District #4 Environmental (Act 250) Commission; past Burlington Housing Authority Commissioner; former member of the Land Trust Alliance board of directors; former board member of the Richmond Land Trust; and former trustee of the Center for Whole Communities. He currently serves on the board of the Black Family Land Trust. Interests include cross-country and downhill skiing, hiking, kayaking and canoeing, gardening, and cooking. He and wife Amy Wright have a daughter, Addie, and reside in Burlington.

Ben Machin ~ Redstart Forestry

PANELIST: AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCT INNOVATORS

Ben Machin received an undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College and a Master's in Forestry from the University of Vermont. Prior to joining Redstart Forestry in 2003, Ben was employed as a firefighting smokejumper with the USDA Forest Service in Redmond Oregon. At Redstart, Ben has worked with a number of partners including the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund; Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation; and Vermont Land Trust to develop the Forest Partnership (a group of foresters and wood manufacturers partnering to bring certified Vermont-grown wood to the market). He also serves as coordinator for the Orange County Headwaters Project (a community-based land conservation effort) and as consulting forester for Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. When not at Redstart, Ben can be found farming sheep and making maple syrup. Ben is a Watson Fellowship recipient, a Snelling Center for Government Fellow, a Leopold Schepp Scholar, and has received the Mollie Beattie Award.

Andrew Meyer ~ President, Vermont Soy, LLC and Vermont Natural Coatings

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Andrew Meyer is President of Vermont Soy, LLC and Vermont Natural Coatings, LLC and Hardwick Enterprise Group, LLC. He is a board member of the Center for an Agricultural Economy, Shelburne Farms and the College of Agriculture and Life Science at the University of Vermont. Andrew is a partner in North Hardwick Dairy, an organic family dairy farm. He worked as Agriculture Legislative Assistant for U.S. Senator James Jeffords for seven years, and operated a congressional legislative consulting firm in Washington, DC. He lives in Hardwick with his wife Mary and children Lila and Fenton.

John Meyer ~ Bardill Land & Lumber Company

PANELIST: FUTURE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE

John Meyer is president of Bardill Land & Lumber Company, a forestry consulting firm managing both large and small woodlots for private landowners in central Vermont. A graduate of the University of Vermont, John wrote his master's thesis on environmental impact analysis of forest management practices on private woodlands and has been working for 30 years to help educate landowners about forest management by demonstrating sound management practices. He has sought to encourage long-term investment of capital and planning in Vermont's forest resource and to promote use value taxation and public forest policy based on sound economic principles. John serves as a director of both the Vermont Forest Products Association as well as the Vermont Woodlands Association. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and Co-Chair of the Vermont Use Value Appraisal Coalition.

Chuck Ross ~ Secretary of Agriculture designee; current Vermont Director, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy's Office

PLENARY: THE IMPORTANCE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE and BREAKOUT DISCUSSION FACILITATOR

Chuck Ross, the current Secretary of Agriculture-designee, has been the State Director for U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy for the last sixteen years. In addition to his management responsibilities he has focused on the issues of sustainable development, energy and emerging business opportunities, including opportunities relating to agriculture and food systems. During this time he has also helped manage his family's farming interests in Vermont and Iowa. Prior to being employed by Senator Leahy, Chuck worked on his family's farms and served as the State Representative from Hinesburg. As State Representative he served on the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee and concluded his service as Chairman in 1994. Chuck has served on various boards in Vermont including The University of Vermont (UVM); Shelburne Farms; Fletcher Allen Health Care; The Rubenstein School of the Environment and Natural Resources at UVM; and Leadership Champlain. Currently Chuck serves as a liaison to the Vermont Council of Rural Development. Chuck graduated from UVM with a BA and an MA in from University of Washington, Seattle WA. where studied agricultural land use changes in Vermont and the nationally. He lives in Hinesburg with his family.

Amanda St. Pierre ~ Pleasant Valley Farm and Berkshire Cow Power

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Amanda St. Pierre, Pleasant Valley Farm and Berkshire Cow Power farms with her husband, Mark, and 3 kids at Pleasant Valley Farms and manages Berkshire Cow Power, farm generated methane digester that supplies power to 600 homes. She is a founding member of Dairy Farmers Working Together which is working to create dairy policy nationally that would help balance the volatility in the market due to oversupply.

Peter Shumlin ~ Vermont Governor Elect

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Peter Shumlin has served in public life since he was 24 years old, when he began a seven-year stint as Chair of the Putney Selectboard. He served in the Vermont House from 1989-92 and Vermont Senate from 1992-2002. After his first term in the Senate he was elected Senate Minority Leader where he focused on re-gaining the Democratic majority for his caucus. At that time there were 11 Democrats and 19 Republicans in the Senate. After one term as Minority Leader, the Democrats captured the majority and he was elected President pro-tempore for the following six years: 1997-2002. In that capacity

Peter has served as chair of the Finance Committee, chair of the Senate Rules committee, as a member of the Transportation and Appropriations Committees and as a founding member of NLARX, a national legislative organization dedicated to reducing prescription drug prices. After a four-year absence, Peter returned to the Vermont Senate in 2006 and was elected by his colleagues to serve again as President pro temp. This biennium, Peter Shumlin serves on the Appropriations and Transportation committees and Chairs the Senate Rules and Joint Rules committees. His term as Governor will begin in January 2011.

Shap Smith ~ Vermont Speaker of the House

PLENARY: THE IMPORTANCE OF VERMONT'S WORKING LANDSCAPE

Speaker Shap Smith is a Democrat representing the towns of Elmore, Morristown, Woodbury, and Worcester in the Vermont House of Representatives. Speaker Smith was born in Danbury, Conn., and moved to Vermont with his family at age five. He graduated from Peoples Academy in Morrisville and won a Vermont Merit Scholarship to the University of Vermont, where he graduated with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in 1987. Speaker Smith then left Vermont to earn his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Indiana University in 1991. After practicing law in New York City for two years, Speaker Smith returned to Vermont in 1993. Speaker Smith first ran for the House in 2002, hoping to represent the community in which he grew up and was honored to win election. Speaker Smith considers himself fortunate to have grown up in such a vibrant community and state, and his goal as a legislator has been to play a part in laying the groundwork for a similarly bright future for his children. The Speaker strives to help Vermont change with the times, while preserving the things that make it special. To that end, Speaker Smith has long been a strong advocate of legislation that supports a strong education system, economic development, equal rights, healthcare reform, renewable energy, public safety and government efficiency. Prior to becoming Speaker he served on the Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee. While the legislature is out of session, Speaker Smith is a partner at the Burlington law firm of Dinse, Knapp and McAndrew, where he primarily practices in the areas of civil litigation, intellectual property and insurance. Speaker Smith is an avid runner and cross country skier. He and his wife, Melissa, are the proud parents of two children, Eli and Mia.

Bill Suhr ~ Owner, Champlain Orchards

PANELIST: AGRICULTURE AND FOREST PRODUCT INNOVATORS

Bill Suhr of Champlain Orchards is passionate about conscientiously growing tree fruit and sharing the produce with local consumers. The environmental ethics which drive the growing practices and success of Champlain Orchards were developed while attending the University of Vermont School of Natural Resources, where Bill obtained a Bachelor of Science in Forest Biology. Since the purchase of Champlain Orchards in 1998, the farm has diversified beyond fresh fruit to include value added production of fresh apple cider, apple pies, apple butter, applesauce, dried apples, and ice cider. As Champlain Orchards matures, the business hopes to continue to explore diversification of fruits and additional value added products. Champlain Orchards also looks forward to continuing to serve the community as an educational farm, responsible employer, and as a reliable source of nourishing local food.

Jonathan L. Wood ~ Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources

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Jonathan L. Wood was appointed Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources by Governor Douglas in November of 2008. In January of 2003, he was appointed Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Prior to these appointments, he was the Forester for Bell-Gates Lumber Corporation in Jeffersonville, Vermont for 21 years. He also held positions as a forest management consultant in the Lamoille County area and was employed by the United States Department of the Interior as a crew supervisor for the Young Adult Conservation Corps working for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in Morrisville, Vermont. Jonathan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. He is a Certified Forester by the Society of American Foresters. Jonathan has been active in forest policy and community service for many years. He currently serves on the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board as well as the Vermont Council on Rural Development. He is the Tree Warden for the Town of Cambridge. The forest has not only been his professional interest, but is also where he spends his free time hunting, fishing, skiing and enjoying other outdoor sports. Jonathan lives in Jeffersonville, Vermont with his son, Alex.