

Forestry/Natural Resources
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda Fall 2025
Thursday, October 9th, 5:00-6:00 pm
Room 319 WRCC Trade and Industrial Center
45 Career Circle
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Attendance: Errold Nelson, Dana Rupert, Seth Rhoades, Alex Richardson

- FFA Career and Development Events
Errold reviewed the three CDE Events the students participate in. Vermont Land and Soil, Winter Forestry, and Spring Forestry events.
- New additions to the curriculum
Errold explained the Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) and Timber inventory projects that will be introduced for the Spring semester. Dana asked if I was going to include calculating the Basal Area. Basal Area will be included.
- New Equipment and repairs
The excavator requires repair to its undercarriage. The \$6000 quote has been approved. This will be a student activity.
The new tractor was put on display for the board members.
- Enrollment
Alex asked if Students who are 16 years of age will be able to enroll next year. This is up for discussion at the state level. There is a possibility of having two Level one programs next year, as all of the students are either seniors or have completed two years.

Other business:

Errold mentioned that he continues to meet with people in the Industry during the workday. He and his students visit job sites in the area.

Purpose:

The Advisory Board aims to strengthen CTE programs by providing input for curriculum and related district program activities. It also helps increase community awareness and participation in CTE programs. The Advisory Board makes recommendations but is not responsible for funding or program implementation and supervision.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Advisory Board are to partner with the CTE department to:

- ensure a smooth transition for students from school to college and careers
- Identify critical workforce competencies and industry trends for incorporation into CTE programs and activities
- increase the number of youths preparing to enter college or skilled occupations
- improve employers' access to qualified young people
- Increase the number of work-based learning opportunities for students
- Support the increase in externship opportunities for teachers
- increase the number of CTE programs that are industry-certified