

Greensboro Conservation Commission Communications Policy

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Article I: Members of the Greensboro Conservation Commission (GCC) shall observe all requirements of Vermont Open Meeting Law as laid out in 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314 as well as Vermont Public Records Law as described in 1 V.S.A. §§ 315-320. No language held within this policy shall contradict or undermine the letter and spirit of these laws, but may provide more guidance for GCC members.

Article II: Any meeting in which GCC action or policy is substantively discussed and pursued must include a quorum (simple majority) of sitting members. These meetings must be properly warned in advance, and open to the public for both in-person and remote attendance. Concerning certain issues defined by Vermont Open Meeting Law, the GCC may vote to enter executive session.

Complete and quorate groups of the GCC may communicate privately by electronic means during the interim between public meetings regarding GCC business as long as the sole purpose of these communications is to inform members.

Article III: Sub-quorate groups of GCC members shall be allowed to discuss GCC business in private, but must not make any final decisions that impact GCC policy before first satisfying the requirements of Article II.

Article IV: Any member of the GCC may communicate with members of the public regarding GCC business—provided that all public communications accurately reflect GCC discussion and decisions and do not place them in conflict with their membership of the GCC. All positions held by GCC members in disagreement (regardless of whether those members are part of a minority or majority opinion) shall be welcomed and respected while upholding the democratic decision-making authority of the GCC.

Article V: Any member that fails to uphold the communication standards as outlined in Articles I-IV may be recommended to the Greensboro Select Board for removal by a majority vote of GCC membership.

Article VI: Members are encouraged to collaborate with the sitting GCC Chair and other elected officers regarding public communications and associated strategies, but are not required to do so provided any communications meet the standards laid out in Articles I-IV.