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**Role of Depackagers in Managing Food Scraps Stakeholder Group Additional Meeting**

**Held on January 12, 2023 as a virtual Teams meeting for Main group participants to finalize report of recommendations for legislature.**

Main Group Participants as Outlined in Act 170:

Kim Crosby(Michael Casella) Casella Waste Systems

Billy Connelly Vanguard Renewables

Jenna Evans Ben and Jerry’s

Tom Gilbert Black Dirt Farm

Dan Goossen Green Mountain Compost

Erin Sigrist(unable to attend) VT Retailers and Grocers Association

ANR Participants:

Ben Gauthier VT ANR – Solid Waste Management Program

Josh Kelly VT ANR – Solid Waste Management Program

 Mia Roethlein  VT ANR – Solid Waste Management Program

These are notes on the discussion on the draft report of recommendations prepared by ANR staff based on input and recommendations from the participants.

There was a comment from Dan which he had sent in prior via email.

Regarding the Recommendations-

Majority of stakeholders 4 out of 7 on Page 9

Dan asked to add sentence to reflect recommendations on page 16

Tom asked question but then realized it was addressed by Dan’s comment.

No proposed changes from Jenna, Kim or Billy

ANR staff asked - Is it appropriate to add a general context piece as in a general comments section from participants that are not directly on the questions in the report? All seemed okay as long as it wasn’t considered recommendations.

Last line in the report was discussed: Ben offered that we would be willing to include these 7 participants as an advisory committee on the guidance documents, etc.

Kim stated that Casella looking for across the board guidance for haulers. What do they do if they pull up to a customer who has comingled source separated food and packaged food.

Billy commented on shared group files and the depackager group vision statement.

Specifically the Depackager vision document- Tom wrote it and the stakeholders never discussed so Billy suggests removing it or relabeling it as Tom only.

ANR staff to make edits and submit final report to the legislature.