

Commissioner [Deb Brighton](#), *Chair*

For the past twenty years Deb has been working primarily as a consultant to the Vermont Legislature, the Vermont Agency of Administration, and various Vermont towns and nonprofit organizations on tax, finance, 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 also worked with Vermont Family Forests setting up a community forest—a conserved forest parcel 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 as a board member of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Vermont Land Trust, the Vermont Community Foundation, Vermont Family Forests, and the Salisbury Planning Commission. She has a BA in literature from Tufts and a MS in Forestry from UVM.