

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council April 30, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

Date/Time: April 30, 2021 10:00 AM
Location: Zoom: Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Ryan Patch, Iris Hsiang, Alissa White, John Roberts, David Mears, Judy Dow, Lauren Oates, Charlie Hancock
State Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Bob Popp, Alex DiPillis, Ali Kosiba, Marli Rupe, Judson Peck

- 10:03 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [4/23/21](#) Minutes
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Updates from 4/26 VCC Meeting and 4/29 Steering Committee Meeting by Jane Lazorchak
- December 1 deadline for Climate Action Plan under review based on desire for public input. Equity remains a major discussion across VCC. Per diems for members likely to increase to support voices at the table.
- 10:25 AM Brief Report-outs from Task Leads/Just Transition Liaison – Quick Updates
- All Task Groups are diving into existing resources, building understanding of existing work, and discussing high-level goals and strategies.
 - Just Transitions developing Guiding Principles. Community Listen open to public and Subcommittee members to be held 4-6pm Thursday 5/6/21.
- 10:37 AM Debriefing Last Week’s Meeting – [Task/Subtask document](#) and [Multi-Criteria Assessment Matrix](#) update
- Task/subtask goals will be held and kept current by individual Task groups. Subcommittee has desire to make the approach to public engagement consistent between Task groups & Subcommittees.
- 10:57 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter.
- 11:00 AM Discussion of Nature Based Solutions to climate change/Unstructured Chat
- Judy Dow shared some foundational pieces and understandings underlying Nature Based Solutions. This approach centers the health of the soil and landscape and anticipates the community/economic benefits to flow from that, rather than the reverse. Subcommittee engaged in fruitful discussion supporting and adding to this approach. Goal will be to elevate optimum solutions while also identifying and recognizing limiting factors.
 - Consensus from Subcommittee to embed the 4 key Nature-Based solutions questions, as outlined by Judy and Lauren Oates, in work moving forward.

- 11:50 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 5/7/2021 Meeting
- 11:55 AM Public Comment #2
- Public comments were received by Paul Brouha and Carl Bayer.
- 12:05 PM Meeting adjourned

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