

Science and Data Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council Meeting Wednesday May 12, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday May 12, 2021; 1:30pm-4:00pm
Location: Zoom: [Meeting recorded and posted publicly](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: TJ Poor, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Julie Moore, Brian Gray, Jared Duval, Jay Shafer, Lou Cecere; Richard Hopkins
State Agency Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Collin Smythe, Brian Woods, Andrea Wright, Claire McIlvennie, Meghan O’Toole, Ken Jones

1:36 Welcome/Agenda Approval, [Approval of 4-28-21 Minutes](#)

- TJ Poor reviewed the agenda and asked for revisions or objections. None were given. The minutes from the April 28th meeting were approved without modification.

1:39 Discussion: [Work Plan](#)

- TJ Poor provided a brief overview of the status of the work plan development, highlighting the [work done to flesh out tasks 2, 4, and 6](#) which had been circulated to the subcommittee for review. He noted work plan tasks related to climate modeling and human health needed further refinement. The subcommittee had some discussion of the subject of the human health task and Dr. Dupigny-Giroux noted she had reached out to Jared Ulmer for input.
- TJ Poor encouraged all subcommittee members who are liaisons to other subcommittees to reach out and ask for input from those subcommittees if they have not already done so.

1:57 Initial GHG Inventory Discussion – Key Questions

- Collin Smythe from the Department of Environmental Conservation provided an [overview of the current methodology](#) used to calculate sector-specific greenhouse gas emissions in the state inventory. The subcommittee discussed several items in the inventory that may warrant further discussion, including emissions related to burning wood, agriculture, and the fossil fuel industry.

2:42 Public Comment on the above topics

- George Gross, Carl Bayer, and Mark Whitworth provided comment and those comments can be viewed on the video recording [posted online](#).

2:59 Next Meeting Timing/Length, Other Miscellaneous Council Updates

- The subcommittee discussed the appropriate meeting frequency and length and decided to move to biweekly meetings, each two and a half hours in length. This new schedule will begin in two weeks on May 26 from 1:30pm-4:00pm.
- Jane Lazorchak provided an update on the request for proposals for technical services, noting four proposals had been submitted and the selection committee was in the process of reviewing those proposals and selecting a consultant.

3:04 Outreach & Engagement

- The Climate Council's public engagement consultants from Climate Access provided an overview of the proposed public engagement process, highlighting areas for subcommittee involvement. The consultants then facilitated a discussion with subcommittee to solicit input on what stakeholders should be engaged during the process.

3:49 Public Comment

- Carl Bayer and Mark Whitworth made comments and those comments can be viewed in the video recording [posted online](#).

3:56 Adjourn

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