

## Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council May 7, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

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Date/Time: May 7, 2021 10:00 AM  
Location: Zoom: Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#)  
Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Ryan Patch, Iris Hsiang, Alissa White, John Roberts, David Mears, Judy Dow, Lauren Oates, Charlie Hancock, Jake Claro  
State Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Marli Rupe, Judson Peck

- 10:09 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [4/30/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:10 AM Brief Report-outs from Task Leads/Just Transition Liaison
- Subtask 5C (Ryan Patch) digging into Buckets of benefits, looking at literature on climate benefits of NRCS conservation practices.
  - Subtask 5E (Charlie Hancock) organizing scoping thoughts into framework via a spreadsheet.
  - Subtask 5B (Jane Lazorchak, on behalf of Billy Coster) working on scheduling meeting.
  - Subtask 5D (Lauren Oates) working off spreadsheet developed by Subtask 5E to define/differentiate scope of their subtask group.
  - Just Transitions (Iris Hsiang) had a great listening session and is hoping to share Guiding principles soon. Iris recently wrote an [op-ed in VT Digger](#).
- 10:20 AM Update on VCC Climate Action Plan timeline by Jane Lazorchak
- Planning outreach to Legislators around what is reasonable to expect for December 1 deadline. Steering Committee will meet opposite Mondays from the full Council, Subcommittee co-chairs to attend and connect.
- 10:25 AM Review [Task/Subtask document](#) to ensure alignment of directions & granularity
- 10:55 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter and Paul Brouha.
- 11:00 AM Discussion of [MCA tool](#), led by Lauren Oates
- Outstanding questions around elements of the tool were discussed with the goal of refining definitions and questions in the tool.
- Set Assignments and Agenda for 5/14/2021 Meeting – via email among co-chairs
- 12:03 AM Public Comment #2 – none received
- 12:05 PM Meeting adjourned