

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council June 11, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

Date/Time: June 11, 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, Charlie Hancock, Jake Claro, Lauren Oates
State Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Judson Peck, Alex DePillis, Pat Field (CBI)

- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [6/4/21](#) Minutes
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Update on 6/7 VCC Steering Committee Meeting, Contracts etc. (Jane Lazorchak)
- Technical Analysis contract now Executed. First priority analysis of Carbon budget and State of Vermont GHG emission estimates.
 - SC meeting has eyes on Just Transition Guiding Principles.
 - Physical locations necessary for upcoming public meetings
 - Global Warming Solutions Act coordinator recently hired.
- 10:15 AM Traditional Ecological Knowledge Presentation and Discussion
- Judy Dow shared a variety of insights and explanations on the value of Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and the importance of understanding the history and adaptability of land and ecosystems. Discussion ensued.
- 11:00 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comment received by Jennifer Ramstetter
- 11:05 AM Brief Report-Outs from Task Leads/Just Transition Liaison
- Just Transition presentation/workshop planned for June 17th, 4-5pm.
- 11:15 AM Discussion: “Tiers of Granularity” of Strategy Recommendations
- Subcommittee discussed level of specificity to populate within the Policy Recommendations templates. Format for Subcommittee recommendations for targeted outreach and stakeholder engagement still under discussion
- 11:25 AM Finalize workplan and update on Outside Expert presentations
- Workplan shared by Billy Coster, each Task Group will share recommendations end of June through July.
 - Subcommittee approved upcoming schedule of expert presentations.

- 11:30 AM Quick Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Discussion of potential broader implications of electrical grid and infrastructure changes. Reminder by Judy Dow to look at Maine’s recommendations with a critical lens.
- 11:50 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 6/18/21 Meeting
- Subcommittee expressed interest in learning more about the carbon budget from the Technical Analysis consultants.
- 11:52 AM Public Comment #2
- Public comments were received by Zack Porter, Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, and Rob Lehmert, and can be viewed in the video recording.
- 12:02 PM Meeting adjourned

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