

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council June 25, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

Date/Time: June 25, 2021 10:00 AM
Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom. Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).
Physical Location: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in Catamount NL D215
Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Ryan Patch, Alissa White, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, David Mears, Jake Claro,
State Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Judson Peck, Marli Rupe, Pat Field (CBI)

- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [6/18/21](#) Minutes
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM UVM Presentations and Discussion: [Vermont Climate Assessment](#) (Gillian Galford) and [Vermont Resilience Matrix](#) (Chris Koliba)
- Subcommittee discussion ensued over the opportunity for translating this science into action steps, and how to incorporate economic value of climate solutions into strategy recommendations.
- 11:10 AM Agriculture Emissions Reduction, Carbon Storage and Sequestration Task Group - [Initial Draft Strategies Presentation](#) and Discussion
- Ryan Patch shared the six overarching pathways the Subtask 5C group has identified, as well as series of charts summarizing the data that the group used when recommending pathways and individual practices. An important finding that informed the work of this group is that agricultural lands have a significant potential to sequester carbon via agronomic practices.
- Subcommittee applauded the work of the Subtask 5C group and reiterated the importance of agriculture as a climate solution. Subcommittee hopes to emphasize this to the public. Discussion ensued over how to include forestland managed by farms in Ag conservation pathways, how to increase agricultural and forestland area and viability, and specific policy discussions with legislature that may be essential to this work.
- 11:55 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 7/2/21 Meeting
- 11:57 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Diana Chace, Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, and Gordon Merrick.
- 12:06 PM Meeting adjourned