

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council July 16, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

- Date/Time: July 16, 2021 10:00 AM
- Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom with a physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier. Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).
- Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Ryan Patch, Alissa White, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Lauren Oates, Iris Hsiang, Judy Dow, Jake Claro, David Mears
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Bob Popp, Alex DePillis, Ali Kosiba, Judson Peck, Marli Rupe, Pat Field (CBI)
- 10:04 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and 7/9/21 Minutes
- Agenda and minutes were approved.
- 10:05 AM VCC 7/12 Steering Committee Report Out – overview of slide deck for 7/26 presentation – Jane Lazorchak
- 15min presentation and 15min of question/answer period will be available for each subcommittee to share their work.
 - Ongoing work will seek to engage public on the pathways and strategies presented, in order to incorporate feedback into their further development
- 10:15 AM Finalize Pathways Discussion - facilitated by Pat Field
- Subcommittee discussed approach to ensuring that central importance of equity is captured across Pathways. Subcommittee determined to develop an overarching statement to indicate the intent of the Subcommittee to center equity across pathways, strategies, and actions.
 - Subcommittee discussed proposed pathways one-by-one to fill gaps and wordsmith language based on consensus around the intent of the Subcommittee.
- 11:20 AM Key Strategy Identification – facilitated by Pat Field
- Subcommittee started going through pathways one-by-one to list strategies and then determined that it would be more effective and efficient for each Task Group to discuss individually. Task Groups will meet early the week of 7/19 and then Task Group leads will bring forward suggestions from each Task Group to compile ~5 strategies under each Pathway.
- 11:50 AM Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Judson Peck shared how the Task Group 5C laid out the relations between proposed pathways, strategies, and action steps in their initial brainstorming. Other Task Groups expressed that their thought process had followed a similar layout.

- 11:50 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 7/23/21 Meeting
- 11:53 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter, Zack Porter and Graham Unangst-Rufenacht.
- 12:04 PM Meeting adjourned

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