

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council July 2, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

- Date/Time: July 2, 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, Ali Kosiba, Judson Peck, Marli Rupe, Bob Popp, Alex DePillis, Pat Field (CBI)
- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [6/25/21](#) Minutes
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Update from 6/28/21 Vermont Climate Council Meeting – Jane Lazorchak
- 10:15 AM Forest and Natural Land Carbon Storage and Sequestration Task Group - [Initial Draft Strategies Presentation](#) and Discussion
- Billy Coster shared the buckets of strategies that this task group has been exploring. The task group has developed action steps but chose to focus on the high-level buckets for this meeting.
 - Subcommittee clarified shared terminology on pathways (goals) vs strategies (actions) and discussed how to approach/divide crosscutting strategies across different task groups, and how to share recommendations with other Subcommittees.
- 10:35 AM Nature Based Solutions Task Group - [Initial Draft Strategies Presentation](#) and Discussion
- Lauren Oates shared the goals, charge, process and shared definitions that this task group has come to, and the rest of the subgroup took turns sharing the individual pathways and strategies that the group developed.
 - Subcommittee discussed details of pathways and strategies, ideal granularity of ideas to share within Subgroups, and differentiation between adaptation and resilience.
- 11:15 AM Healthy Soils and Food Systems Task Group - [Initial Draft Strategies Presentation](#) and Discussion
- Abbie Corse shared the charge, process, and goals of this task group, and the remainder of the group took turns sharing the draft pathways that this task group has identified and the individual strategies within each of these pathways. Discussion ensued.

- 11:45 AM Next Steps for Steering Committee and Task Groups, including 7/9/21 Agenda
- Smaller group of Task Group Leads to meet with Pat week of 7/6/2021, prior to 7/9/2021 Subcommittee meeting, to work on developing an overview/outline compiling task group strategies.
- 11:50 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter.
- 11:55 AM Meeting adjourned

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