

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council July 30, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

- Date/Time: July 30, 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, Alissa White, Charlie Hancock, Lauren Oates, Iris Hsiang, Judy Dow, David Mears
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Alex DePillis, Ali Kosiba, Judson Peck
- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [7/23/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM 7/26 VCC Meeting Report-Out
- Climate Action & RISE will be recompiling the Pathways and Strategies which the Subcommittees shared with the VCC and will share with the public in September.
- 10:20 AM Next Steps for Subcommittee/August Workplan
- Pat Field will join next meeting to dig into work planning.
 - August will be used to discuss a shared vision, develop quantifiable goals, and arrive at consensus around the most essential strategies and action items to refine and flesh out for the Climate Action Plan.
 - Subcommittee will be asked to present in depth on recommended strategies at the end of September.
- 10:40 AM Stakeholder Engagement Audience Discussion
- Jane Lazorchak shared current [VCC stakeholder engagement plan](#). Consensus Building Institute will coordinate stakeholder engagement on behalf of Ag & Ecosystems Subcommittee, Subcommittee has opportunity to direct that engagement.
 - Subcommittee discussed developing stakeholder events and providing outreach to individuals and organizations involved in 3 core areas: Forestry & Forest Processing, Agriculture & Food Systems, and Natural Lands and Ecosystems.
- 11:05 AM Cadmus/Carbon Budget Discussion: [Presentations](#) from Liz Hanson (Cadmus) & Dr. Gillian Galford (UVM)
- Liz and Gillian shared about this work and Subcommittee asked questions and discussed.
- 11:35 AM Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Subcommittee revisited discussion of Stakeholder Engagement plan

- 11:50 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 8/6/2021
- All Subcommittee members were asked to (re-)read full Guiding Principles document prior to conversation next week.
- 11:55 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Zack Porter.
- 12:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

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