

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council July 9, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

- Date/Time: July 9, 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
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Bob Popp, Alex DePillis, Pat Field (CBI)
- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [7/2/21](#) Minutes
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Soil Health and Resources for Agricultural Resilience to Climate Change (Alissa White, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Gund Institute for Environment)
- 10:45 AM The Path Forward – compiling task group work into a single deliverable for 7/26 VCC meeting (facilitated by Pat Field)
- Marian Wolz shared that VCC is requesting Subcommittees provide high-level “pathways” and “strategies” for 7/26. More detailed “actions” will be explored later. Common definitions for these terms were shared.
 - Pat Field shared a draft list of “Common Pathways” which combines the pathways identified by each Subcommittee Task Group. Subcommittee discussed to identify any missing elements. Task Groups intend to attempt to slot their planned strategies into these overarching pathways.
 - Subcommittee discussed shared values to inform future decision-making. Subcommittee hopes to share background on values with other Subcommittees and to talk through any conflicts that may arise.
- 11:35 AM Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Subcommittee discussed ways to navigate future prioritization efforts at both the Subcommittee and full VCC level.
 - Subcommittee discussed challenges of climate change denial in communities.
- 11:47 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 7/16/21 Meeting
- 11:50 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter and Graham Unangst-Rufenacht.
- 12:05 PM Meeting adjourned