

## Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council August 13, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

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Date/Time: August 13, 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, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Lauren Oates, Iris Hsiang, Judy Dow, David Mears  
State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Alex DePillis, Judson Peck, Marli Rupe, Pat Field (CBI)

- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [8/6/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM 8/9 VCC Steering Committee Report-Out (Marian Wolz)
- 10:10 AM Vision/Goal Setting
- Pat Field and Marian Wolz started to facilitate discussion of ways to approach Visions/Goals. Upon questions arising from Subcommittee, Marian Wolz and Jane Lazorchak clarified how Goals, Pathways, Strategies, and Actions are connected, sequenced, and distinguished. Subcommittee expressed concerns and discussed.
- 10:55 AM Detailed Work Planning
- Subcommittee discussed timeline of the VCC and the tension between the urgency of the work and the need to devote time and space to equity and consensus. VCC Steering Committee members shared that VCC has discussed requesting a legislative extension of the Climate Action Plan timeline and chose not to request such an extension.
  - Subcommittee decided to convene additional meeting early next week to continue discussion of goals. Meeting will be publicly noticed.
  - Task group leads are sending all information collected/developed so far by the Task Groups to Marian Wolz.
  - Subcommittee discussed best ways to approach Agenda-setting and priorities and processes for upcoming work.
- 11:35 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Cheryl Joy Lipton.
- 11:40 AM Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Subcommittee members enquired about Climate Action Plan drafting process and inclusions/exclusions of content. Jane Lazorchak shared her understanding of the intent for this Plan.

- Subcommittee discussed importance of liaising with other Subcommittees.

11:50 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for Upcoming Meetings

12:00 PM Public Comment

- Public comments were received by Zack Porter and Cheryl Joy Lipton.

12:07 AM Meeting Adjourned

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