

## Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council August 20, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

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Date/Time: August 20, 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, Alissa White  
State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Alex DePillis, Judson Peck, Marli Rupe, Bob Popp, Pat Field (CBI)

- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and 8/18/21 Minutes
- Agenda was approved, minutes not posted.
- 10:05 AM 8/19 VCC Steering Committee Report-Out (Marian Wolz)
- VCC shared [testimony on 8/18/2021](#) with the Vermont House Committee on Energy and Technology
  - Discussion of upcoming public engagement opportunities and capacity for Subcommittee members to help develop & attend public events.
  - Subcommittee discussed possibility for water-focused stakeholder engagement event, did not come to agreement on whether to plan one.
- 10:30 AM Vision/Goal Setting
- Council asking for high-level goals and metrics on sequestration, adaptation, and resilience. Subcommittee discussed and agreed that associating metrics, goals and/or measures of success with pathways and strategies would be more conducive to their work, co-chairs will share this decision with the full Council.
  - A small subgroup of members will be developing an overarching Vision Statement to bring back to the Subcommittee.
- 10:55 AM Strategies Review
- Marian Wolz has developed a document compiling Strategies and Actions suggested by each Subtask Group under each Pathway.
  - Pat Field led Subcommittee through a group discussion of Strategies and Actions identified under Pathway A, as an example of the work needed to be done to consolidate Strategies under each Pathway.
  - Subcommittee decided that Task Leads and Charlie (as forestry representative) will convene for initial review and consolidation of strategies under each Pathway for future work.

- 11:30 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Cheryl Joy Lipton and Jennifer Ramstetter.
- 11:40 AM Work Planning
- Subcommittee decided to not go face to face on Friday September 10, but rather to have a longer Zoom meeting, punctuated with breaks, from 8:30-noon on both 9/10 and 9/17. Subcommittee discussed importance of time for equity screening matrix in upcoming work.
- 11:53 AM Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Lauren Oates is stepping down as liaison to Cross-Sector Communications Subcommittee, Ryan Patch volunteered to fill that role in the future.
  - David Mears expressed concern about work planning of drafting and role/capacity of supporting staff and encouraged proactivity in this space.
- 11:50 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 8/27/2021 Meetings
- 12:02 PM Public Comment #2
- Public comments were received by Cheryl Joy Lipton.
- 12:07 AM Meeting Adjourned