

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council August 6, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

- Date/Time: August 6, 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, Ryan Patch, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Lauren Oates, Iris Hsiang
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Alex DePillis, Judson Peck, Marli Rupe, Pat Field (CBI)
- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [7/30/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Vision/Goal-Setting (Marian Wolz)
- Marian shared presentation outlining the timeline and scope of Goals that the Subcommittee is being asked to present to the full VCC and responded to questions from the Subcommittee on this approach. Pat Field facilitated brainstorm and discussion of how to focus this work.
 - Subcommittee members requested to continue to think about possible Goals and provide feedback by mid-next week.
- 10:55 AM Work Plan and Integration of Guided Principles
- Pat Field facilitated discussion of Next Steps and how to get work done quickly without overburdening Subcommittee members and while putting forth the best solutions and maintaining a focus on equity.
- 11:08 Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Cheryl Joy Lipton and Zack Porter.
- 11:12 AM Review Synthesis of Public Comments from VCC Webpage
- Jane Lazorchak shared that she and Marian have been reviewing and compiling Public Comments to synthesize for Subcommittee. Few comments specific to the work of the Ag & Ecosystems Subcommittee have been contributed via the portal since the VCC meeting, but Jane and Marian will continue to bring comments to the Subcommittee.
- 11:16 AM Jane Lazorchak shared update on plan for Stakeholder Engagement
- 11:25 AM Big Idea Brainstorm/Unstructured Group Chat
- Billy Coster prompted discussion of importance of targeting Action Items towards most critical actions.

- 11:35 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 8/13/2021 Meeting
- By Monday 8/9, Subcommittee will be shared a templated sheet to brainstorm Goals and will get their thoughts to the co-chairs by end of Wednesday 8/11. These suggestions will be compiled for discussion 8/13.
- 11:40 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter and Cheryl Joy Lipton.
- 11:25 AM Meeting Adjourned