

## Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council September 3, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

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- Date/Time: September 3, 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, Jake Claro, Judy Dow, David Mears
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Marli Rupe, Pat Field (CBI)
- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [8/20/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM Update and overview of the refined Matrix of Pathways, Strategies and Actions – short discussion facilitated by Billy Coster and Pat Field
- 10:15 AM Update on September Agriculture Stakeholder Meeting – John Roberts and Pat Field
- John and Pat shared the draft agenda and draft invite that will be shared in advance of the planned Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Subcommittee provided feedback.
  - Alissa White volunteered to take the lead on developing a short exit survey specific to this event, which will be reviewed by other members of the group.
  - Other Stakeholder meetings in the process of being developed.
- 10:45 AM Update on VCC Steering Committee potential guidance on Prioritization – Jane Lazorchak
- 10:55 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter and Zack Porter.
- 11:10 AM Revisit Agenda for September 14<sup>th</sup> Agriculture Stakeholder Meeting
- Pat Field brought forward possible rewording of Agenda based on the feedback collected at 10:15 AM. Subcommittee approved and discussed approach to sharing urgency of climate change with Stakeholders.
- 11:10 AM Big Idea Brainstorm and Discussion: Naming and beginning to talk about the key issues the Subcommittee needs to resolve in order to forward recommendations
- Pat Field facilitated discussion of key “points of conflict” identified by the Subcommittee.

- Subcommittee discussed ways in which current ag climate inventory could be improved and how to provide those suggestions.
- Subcommittee discussed role of mandates versus voluntary actions on climate change and the pros and cons of each approach.

11:55 AM Set Assignments and Agenda for 9/10/21 Meeting

- Task leads will come together, likely Wednesday, to discuss action items and to share with full Subcommittee in advance of Friday 9/10. Subcommittee members asked to review before meeting if possible.

11:57 AM Public Comment #2

- Public comments were received by Jamey Fidel, Zack Porter, and Jennifer Ramstetter.

12:00 AM Meeting Adjourned

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