

## Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting 2:00 PM April 15, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

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Location: [Microsoft Teams](#): Meeting was recorded and [posted publicly](#).  
Members Present: Jared Duval, Julie Moore, Lauren Oates, Liz Miller, Susanne Young  
Member Absent: Chris Campany  
Minutes By: Melissa Mazza-Paquette

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- 2:00 PM Welcome/Agenda and [4/1/2021 Minutes](#) were approved as drafted  
*Secretary Susanne Young, Agency of Administration*  
*David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute*
- 2:03 PM Discussion of Climate Council Agenda for [April 26, 2021](#)  
*David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute*  
*Jane Lazorchak, Director Global Warming Solutions Act*
- Role and function of the Council in the coming months
    - Will include discussion on Subcommittee updates in future meetings. Potential ideas:
      - Post regular video Subcommittee updates on the Vermont Climate Council website.
      - Steering Committee could convene updates from rotating Subcommittee Co-Chairs during their meetings.
    - Change Full Council meeting times to three hours.
    - Steering Committee would continue to meet twice a month - one meeting to build the Full Council agenda and the next meeting, with an additional 30 minutes, to hear Subcommittee updates. All Council members would be invited to all meetings.
  - Clarifying the December 1<sup>st</sup> goal: [Draft Outline of the Climate Action Plan](#)
    - ‘Additional Considerations’ are areas to get the long-term vision to 2050, and where additional research and development is needed.
    - Potentially change task team from "Non-energy emissions" to something like "Agriculture and other non-energy emissions".
    - Move ‘Nature-Based Solutions and ‘Economic and ‘Food Systems’ to Rural Resilience and Adaptation.
    - The Strategies for Resiliency and Adaptation section will be structure differently for consistency in section presentation.
    - Change ‘Impacts’ to use same ‘Assessment of Action’ language for ‘Equity/Justice’ and ‘Economic’.
    - Clarify ‘Letter from the Co-Chairs’.
    - Draft will be updated to present to the Full Council at the April 26 meeting.
  - Public and stakeholder engagement
    - Just Transitions Subcommittee & Climate Access

- Vermont’s American Recovery Plan Act funding proposal regarding climate initiatives
  - Begin topic 10 minutes sooner.

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[Subcommittee Membership Update](#)

*Jane Lazorchak, Director Global Warming Solutions Act*

- Subcommittees mindful of missing expertise from a labor economist.
- Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee may include staff members from the Agency of Natural Resources.

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Legislative Testimony Update

*Secretary Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources*

- Last week in the House Energy and Technology Committee, Council members Moore, Miller, Company and Director Lazorchak provided a high-level overview of the Council’s work to date to implement the vision of the Global Solutions Warming Act. They presented timeline challenges and an update on the formation of Subcommittees and their work.

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Public Comment

- No public comments.

2:57 PM

Adjourn

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