

## Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee and Subcommittee Co-Chairs May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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Location: [Zoom Virtual Meeting](#) was recorded to be [posted online](#)  
Meeting ID: 981 2806 7211, Passcode: 873867

Steering Committee Members Present: Chris Campany, Jared Duval, Julie Moore, Lauren Oates, Liz Miller, Susanne Young

Subcommittee Members Present: Sue Minter, Nadia Pabst, Erica Bornemann, Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Sarah Phillips, Kiah Morris, Peter Walke, Catherine Morris, Johanna Miller, TJ Poor, Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux

Minutes By: Melissa Mazza-Paquette

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11:02 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda  
*Secretary Susanne Young, Agency of Administration*  
*David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute*

11:06 AM Subcommittee Coordination and Updates  
*Subcommittee co-chairs and David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute*

- Just Transitions co-chairs (Sue Minter and Kiah Morris): What can other subcommittees expect from Just Transitions in the coming weeks and months? Jane Lazorchak adds: how we plan to build our internal capacity for inclusive and just work. (12 minutes)
  - Their two main charges are to guide the public engagement process and to establish guiding principles for what it means to have a just transition. A draft of the guiding principles is expected to be sent to the Subcommittees next week.
  - Subcommittee members will meet with the two consultants, Climate Access and RISE Consulting, to solicit their feedback to share with Just Transitions.
  - Director Lazorchak is researching diversity and equity inclusion training and engagement.
  - Continue to advocate for per-diem stipend for subcommittee members.
- Cross-Sector Mitigation co-chairs (Peter Walke): What issues most require coordination with other co-chairs? What might be your group's biggest barriers to having draft strategies ready in July? (12 minutes)
  - Pleased with collaboration with Agricultural and Ecosystems Subcommittee.
  - Divided into several task lead areas with liaisons serving on other subcommittees.
    - Electricity sector
    - Transportation sector
    - Building and energy use
    - Agriculture and non-energy component pieces
  - Evaluating existing policies to ensure good policy isn't built upon bad policy.
  - On target for the July timeframe.

- Will publish the updated greenhouse gas emissions inventory on 5/11/21 to discuss with Cross-Sector Mitigation and Science and Data Subcommittees.
- Agriculture & Ecosystems co-chairs (Billy Coster and Abbie Corse): What issues most require coordination with other co-chairs? What might be your group's biggest barriers to having draft strategies ready in July? (14 minutes)
  - Ongoing coordination with Cross-Sector Mitigation, Rural Resilience and Science and Data Subcommittees
  - Working with Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee to define resilience.
  - Formulation of narrowing the scope, particularly for the rural resilience and adaptation strategies will take time.
  - Optimistic on timeline.
  - Working to identify policies, strategies and barriers.
- Rural Resilience and Adaptation co-chairs (Erica Bornemann): What issues most require coordination with other co-chairs? What might be your group's biggest barriers to having draft strategies ready in July? (15 minutes)
  - Identifying threats and hazards posed or exasperated because of climate change, including statewide vulnerability.
  - May need consultant support to do some research and inventory on vulnerability assessment tools used around the country to develop recommendations on the best tool to use at the local and town levels in Vermont.
  - Working to develop rural resilience impacts using an equity and justice lens.
  - No significant barriers to July timeline. Some recommendations will be based upon the work of other subcommittees.
- Science and Data co-chairs (Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux and TJ Poor): What issues most require coordination with other co-chairs? (9 minutes)
  - What do other Subcommittees need from the Science and Data Subcommittees to make their recommendations?
  - Four areas of focus include greenhouse gas inventory; climate modeling; health and human impact of climate change; and social cost of carbon.
  - As the Science and Data Subcommittee will need the technical consultant to make their recommendations to other Subcommittees to make their recommendations, there is concern with the July timeline.
  - Need to determine how to bring in specific expertise to certain pieces.

12:08 AM

Discussion of [Climate Action Plan Timeline and Milestones](#)

*David Plumb and Jane Lazorchak, Director Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA)*

- Reviewed proposed milestones for Subcommittee work and full council, including inputs from technical reports and ongoing public engagement.
  - Thought is being given to developing a template for Subcommittees to use in how they present and share in framing the issues and discussions of initial strategies and recommendations.

- 12:28 PM Misc. Steering Committee Business  
*Jane Lazorchak, Director Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA)*
- Moved to the next Steering Committee meeting scheduled for May 20, 2021.
    - Review /Approval of [4/29/2021 Minutes](#)
    - [Subcommittee membership update](#)
    - Per diem update
- 12:29 PM No Public Comment
- 12:30 PM Adjourn

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