

# **Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council, May 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

1:04 Meeting came to order  
Co-Chair Erica Bornemann  
Co-Chair Catherine Dimitruk  
Date/Time: May 14, 2021 1:00 PM

Location: [Zoom Virtual Meeting](#): Meeting was recorded and [posted publicly](#).  
Subcommittee Members Present: Chad Farrell, Joe Segale, Lindsay Kurrle, Mike Burke  
Others Present: Anne Margolis, Allison Ross, Cara Pike, Sarika Tandon, Meredith Herr, David Snedeker, Amanda Carlson, Jay Shafer, Judith Jackson, Luke Briccetti, Ian Hitchcock, Ann Lawless  
Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Stephanie Smith, Sue Sharbino, Jens Hilke, Ben Rose

## **Welcome and Rollcall**

### **Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes [5/7/21](#)**

No changes, minutes approved

### **Introductions (Two Members and One Staff Support Introduced Themselves)**

Dave Snedeker  
Anne Margolis  
Stephanie Smith

### **Subcommittee Members Update and member announcements**

- Jane Lazorchak gave an overview of the Steering subcommittee meeting, outlining the timetable for the next 5 weeks.
- Jay Shafer discussed the Science and Data workplan, suggesting the group review it at a future meeting looking for opportunities or overlap.
- Chad Farrell in the Cross Sector subcommittee is in the process of mapping out strategies in a spreadsheet around transportation, thermal, and electrical generation.
- Jane Lazorchak will bring that template to this subcommittee as well as the Agriculture and Ecosystems subcommittee, so we are all working off the same document. Will make suggestions on how to present these strategies and recommendations.

### **Public Engagement and Outreach**

Sarika Tandon, Cara Pike and Meredith Herr

Work revolves around race, equity, and climate action issues. Outlined their proposed approach to create a plan to involve the public and defining the different communities that can be underrepresented in this type of work.

### **Future Agendas**

Vulnerability assessment and accessible tools

### **Public Comment**

Ben Rose spoke – comments may be viewed in the video recording.

Meeting Adjourned 2:26 PM