

Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council, May 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1:04 Meeting came to order
Co-Chair Erica Bornemann
Co-Chair Catherine Dimitruk
Date/Time: May 7, 2021 1:00 PM

Location: [Zoom Virtual Meeting](#): Meeting was recorded and [posted publicly](#).
Subcommittee Members Present: Chad Farrell, Joe Segale, Mike Burke
Others Present: Anne Margolis, Allison Ross, Amanda Carlson, Luke Briccetti, Ian Hitchcock, Dale Azaria, Ann Lawless
Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Stephanie Smith, Marian Wolz, Sue Sharbino, Jens Hilke, Ben Rose

Welcome and Rollcall

Review Agenda and Meeting Minutes [4/30/21](#)

No changes, minutes approved

Introductions (Two Members and One Staff Support Introduced Themselves)

Catherine Dimitruk
Erica Bornemann
Jens Hilke

Subcommittee Members Update and member announcements

- Jane Lazorchak has shared all the existing draft workplans between subcommittees.
- Marian Wolz – The inventory working group met and discussed tasks in the workplan. Where do we expand the list of threats and hazards beyond what’s written in statute? (Global Warning Solutions Act)
- Erica Bornemann – The State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) has a list but may not be all inclusive regarding climate change. Others will look to us for that comprehensive list. Input from the Science and Data subcommittee (Jay Schaeffer) may be able to add to that.
- Joe Segale – Make some time in our agenda to review that list.

Climate Action Plan Framework Discussion

Jane Lazorchak – Discussed how we tee up the “why” we need to be resilient. In all states there is a Climate Action Plan but also a Resiliency plan which looks at specific areas. How do we connect this to people? Give the public an understanding of the threats and how we can become more resilient.

Templates are being developed and will be distributed to help with this work.

Municipal Vulnerability Assessment Consultant Needs

The municipal vulnerability was discussed in detail and the subcommittee agreed to review existing tools at a future meeting.

Future Agendas

Catherine – GMP, folks from Maine, Leslie Ann and Jay Schaeffer (from Science and data) join us for future meetings. – 2 weeks from now.

Erica – Public engagement folks on the agenda next week.

Update on the Royal Caucus of Legislators

Catherine, Erica and Jane have been invited to address the caucus on this subcommittee's work. Jane will provide their member list to members.

Public Comment

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

Meeting Adjourned 2:23 PM

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