

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting 1:00 PM June 24, 2021 – Minutes

Location: [Zoom Virtual Meeting](#) – Meeting was recorded and posted [online](#)
Meeting ID: 922 9899 7241; Passcode: 478533

Physical Location to Attend in Person: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in Perry Merrill NL D211

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

Minutes By: Marian Wolz

- 2:00 PM Welcome
Secretary Susanne Young, Agency of Administration
David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute
- 6/24/21 draft agenda approved with the following change:
 - Add item at the end of the agenda under Next Steps to discuss in-person meetings moving forward.
 - There is a physical location where the public can join meetings in person. This location will always be noted on the meeting agenda.
 - Review/ Approval of [5/20/21](#) Minutes
 - Review/ Approval of [6/7/21](#) Minutes
- 2:05 PM Overview of Vermont Climate Council June 28, 2021 Agenda
David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute
- Draft Agenda Overview:
 - Just Transitions Reflection and Inspiration: invited speaker Amy Laura Cahn, Director, Environmental Justice Clinic, Vermont Law School to discuss how environmental justice and equity issues work into policy; proposed 25-minute presentation.
 - Options for Supporting Sub-Committees with Just Transition Analysis
 - Assembling the Climate Action Plan
 - Orientation to Work of Technical Consultant, Cadmus
 - Include review of summer timeline and milestones for subcommittees prior to introducing the work of the technical consultant, Cadmus.
 - Next Steps
 - List key dates for summer timeline under the Next Steps so they can be referenced in the agenda.

- Include reminder when discussing Next Steps that there may be legislative testimony over the summer.

2:15 PM Discussion to Prepare Two Agenda Items in VCC June 28 Meeting

David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute

Jane Lazorchak, Director of Global Warming Solutions Act

- Item 1: Options to Support Subcommittees with Implementing Just Transition Analysis
- Formal proposal received from Wolfgang and Myhre Northwest (WMN) Consulting, recommended from the Rowan Institute, in response to a request for an organizational analysis for the Climate Council and subcommittees.
 - [WMN Consulting Statement of Work for the Vermont Climate Council](#)
 - [WMN Consulting State of Work Pricing for the Vermont Climate Council](#)
- Recommendation to include time at the Climate Council meeting to have a conversation about the Climate Council Guiding Principles rubric and the scoring and weighting of strategies.
 - Suggestion to move forward with a high, medium, and low scoring for strategies against equity principles, and to consider further weighting of strategies as the Climate Action Plan development process moves forward.
 - Need to discuss how the Just Transitions subcommittee will receive and process feedback they are receiving on the scoring rubric.
 - Consideration needs to be given to thinking about the next level of integration for strategies; considering performance or technical considers, and co-benefits/ecological framework in addition to the equity framework.
- Item 2: Assembling the Climate Action Plan - how we create and communicate recommendations, getting the right altitude and level of detail for our core audiences.
- Recommendation to have a conversation with the Climate Council on the level of detail needed for priorities or pathways across mitigation, adaptation, and resilience objectives in the Climate Action Plan.
- Suggestion to have questions ready for the Climate Council to guide this discussion and ensure Councilors provide the feedback needed at this juncture.

2:55 PM No Public Comment

2:55 PM Next steps

- Discussion on in-person meetings will be pushed to the next Steering Committee meeting.

- Jane Lazorchak scheduled Steering Committee meetings out to September; will need to think about how to schedule Steering Committee meetings when the Climate Council begins to meet bi-weekly in September.

3:00 PM Adjourn

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