

Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

June 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1:05 PM Meeting came to order

Co-Chair Erica Bornemann

Co-Chair Catherine Dimitruk

Location: [Zoom Virtual Meeting](#): Meeting was recorded and [posted publicly](#).

Subcommittee Members Present: Chad Farrell, Joe Segale, Mike Burke, Ann Lawless

Others Present: Sarah Ludwin-Perry, Judith Jackson, Allison Ross, Ian Hitchcock, Chris Cochran, Jake Hemmerill, Luke Bricetti, Anne Margolis, Myanez,

Catherine Lowther

Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Stephanie Smith, Sue Sharbino, Jens Hilke, Ben Rose

Review and Approval of Agenda and [5/21/21 Minutes](#)

Approved with no amendments

Introductions (Two Members and One Staff Support Introduce Themselves for Two Minutes Each for the Next Few Meetings)

Mike Burke

Sub-Committee Liaison and Member Updates

- Chad Farrell updated on the Cross-Sector Mitigation subcommittee breaking out in task groups and that he will be in the electricity task group working on development of strategies. The other task groups are transportation, non-energy emissions and buildings/thermal. Full package will go to the council in July.
- Jane Lazorchak gave an update of the Just Transitions subcommittee meeting. They finalized the draft document of guiding principles with actionable questions and revealed the process of sending to other subcommittees with a tutorial on how to use it. They'll have one workshop for all subcommittees, and it will be recorded.
- Erica Bornemann gave congratulations to Marian Wolz who will be working for ANR on the Global Climate Solutions Act. Jane Lazorchak also expressed appreciation of her experience in planning, as a planner for VEM, as an asset to the creation of the Climate Action Plan.

RRA Summer Work Plan – Erica Bornemann

The workplan was presented and task groups were considered.

CAP Strategies Template – Jane Lazorchak

The CAP template was presented and feedback was requested by the subcommittee by early next week.

Municipal Vulnerability Index – Catherine Dimitruk

Discussed using the GMP analysis tool as a base without getting a contractor. Concerns were raised about land use data and collaboration with Agriculture and Ecosystems and Science and data Subcommittees was suggested.

Public Comment

Ian Hitchcock and Dale Azaria – comments may be viewed in the video recording.

Future meetings may be extended to enable extensive work

2:37 PM Meeting Adjourned

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