

## Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee and Subcommittee Co-Chairs June 7, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

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Location:	<a href="#">Zoom Virtual Meeting</a> was recorded and <a href="#">posted online</a> Meeting ID: 993 6821 7584, Passcode: 440010
Steering Committee Members Present:	Chris Campany, Jared Duval, Julie Moore, Lauren Oates, Liz Miller, Susanne Young
Subcommittee Members Present:	Sue Minter, Erica Bornemann, Billy Coster, Sarah Phillips, Kiah Morris, Peter Walke, Catherine Morris, TJ Poor, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Catherine Dimitruk, Richard Cowart, Abbie Corse
Minutes By:	Melissa Mazza-Paquette

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11:02 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda  
*Secretary Susanne Young, Agency of Administration*  
*Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute (CBI)*

- Agenda approved as drafted.

11:04 AM Review /Approval of [5/20/2021 Minutes](#)  
*Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute*

- Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux requested clarification to the minutes to reflect that she is still a member of the Science and Data Subcommittee, but no longer a co-chair, as well as inclusion of [information about her expertise](#).
- Minutes will be updated for review for approval at a future meeting.

11:08 AM Subcommittee Coordination and Updates  
*Jane Lazorchak, Director Global Warming Solutions Act*  
*Subcommittee Co-chairs and Catherine Morris*

- Update on [timeline, milestones](#), workplan and contractor support– Jane Lazorchak
  - Contract for technical analysis is expected to be finalized this week.
  - Consultants have confirmed timeline schedule. No expected changes will be made.
  - Support from Agency of Natural Resources staff and CBI will be ongoing.

- Public Engagement Plan tees up the broad work through summer and fall.
- Just Transitions co-chairs  
*Sue Minter, Sarah Phillips, Kiah Morris, Members*
  - Update on Guiding Principles
    - [Draft Guiding Principles for a Just Transition](#)
    - [Vermont Climate Council Equity Scoring Rubric](#)
      - For informational purposes, this draft document will be shared this week with subcommittee and full council members with a cover memo and invitation to an event on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM to discuss the content and how it's incorporated into the Climate Council decision-making.
  - What can other subcommittees expect from Just Transitions in integrating Principles into Recommendations?
    - Examples from subcommittees will be provided to Just Transitions for them to create a mock timeframe/process as part of their June 17<sup>th</sup> workshop.
- Cross-Sector Mitigation (CSM) co-chairs  
*Richard Cowart, Peter Walke, Members*
  - [Update on process](#)
  - Planned next steps
    - Working well with all other subcommittee liaisons.
    - Working on policy ideas template.
    - Task leads have the template and will report back to CSM on June 10<sup>th</sup> (transportation and non-energy emissions) and June 24 (buildings and power).
    - Jane Lazorchak will staff CSM.
    - On track for subcommittee consideration on policy in June meetings to bring to full council in July.
- Rural Resilience and Adaptation co-chairs  
*Erica Bornemann, Catherine Dimitruk, Members*
  - [Update on process](#)
  - Planned next steps
    - Focus on prioritizing drafting Climate Action Plan recommendations.
    - Looking forward to developing rural best practices for greenhouse gas emissions in several areas.
- Agriculture & Ecosystems co-chairs  
*Billy Coster, Abbie Corse, Lauren Oates, Members*
  - [Update on process](#)
  - Planned next steps
    - Focus on creating structures and timelines for bringing recommended strategies to full council in July.

- Task groups working on specific elements of their charge, compiling lists of strategies.
    - The templates should assist in determining the granularity of initial strategies and recommendations.
- Science and Data co-chairs
  - TJ Poor, Member*
  - Update on process
    - Jared Duval is the new co-chair.
    - Much of their work relies on the technical consultant coming onboard soon, which challenges their timeline.
    - They are preparing for engagement with the technical consultant and drafting key questions that need to be answered, such as on greenhouse gas inventories, how to count biomass, what potential global warming timeframe should be considered, how to treat electric emissions, the lifecycle analysis of energy related emissions and carbon budget.
    - Their short- and long-term view will affect the policies which sectors will recommend.
    - Structuring a path forward on climate modeling and reviewing climate assessment.

12:11 PM

Templates for Recommendations and Thinking Ahead to December 1

*Jane Lazorchak, Director Global Warming Solutions Act*

*Catherine Morris, Consensus Building Institute*

- Review proposed templates and the expected products for July VCC meeting
  - Subcommittee templates:
    - [Cross-Sector Mitigation](#)
    - [Rural Resilience and Adaptation](#)
    - [Agriculture & Ecosystems](#)
  - Reviewed the [Maine Climate Council Transpiration Working Group Approach](#) as an example.
    - Subcommittee concern with providing that level of detail analysis within the timeframe.
  - Word summary template for the Climate Action Plan will be done in September and completed by staff support with input from subcommittees.
    - The templates include definitions that will need to be consistent going forward.
    - Need to address how to create products that have utility for public and stakeholder engagement and that can be folded cleanly into a consolidated Climate Action Plan.

12:30 PM Public Comment

- Pat Sagui spoke, and comments may be viewed in the video recording.

12:31 PM Continued Discussion on Template Recommendations and Thinking Ahead to December 1

- Climate Action Plan will include recommendations and policy options.

12:41 PM Adjourn

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