

Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

July 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 16, 2021 1:02PM
Location: Zoom meeting recorded and [posted online](#); physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier.
Subcommittee Members Present: Erica Bornemann, Catherine Dimitruk, David Snedeker, Karen Horn, Chris Cochran (Lindsey Kurrel designee), Jay Shafter (liaison from Science and Data Subcommittee)
Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz, Pat Field (CBI), Stephanie Smith, Jens Hilke, Ben Rose, Bronwyn Cooke

Review and Approval of Agenda and [7/9/21 Minutes](#)

No changes, approved

Presentation on Task 1 by CAP Recommendations – David Snedeker

Task: Refine cross sector mitigation recommendations on reducing GHG emissions for rural communities

- Meet with cross sector mitigation on results of the impacts on municipal communities and their recommendations, prior to the VCC meeting.
- Ben Rose suggested contacting towns' networks through 350.org which has local committees that are working on sustainability issues.

Presentation on Task 2 by CAP Recommendations – Joe Segale

Task: Develop recommendations for fortifying transportation infrastructure

- Jens Hilke spoke on road ecology, mitigating the transportation system to be more resilient and adaptive to allow for wildlife moving.
- Catherine Dimitruk suggested encompassing broader state agency participation in permitting to support the law.
- Ben Rose pointed out an action item in the state's hazard mitigation plan regarding an audit for existing state programs which involves transportation.

Quick reminder on Pathways, Strategies, Actions Framework – Marian Wolz

Looking at the Whole: Overview of our work collectively

Proposed Pathways for our Subcommittee – Co-Chairs Erica Bornemann and Catherine Dimitruk

Prioritize top 5 strategies in each of the pathways, identify those that overlap with other subcommittees.

Public Comment

Ian Hitchcock – comments may be viewed in video online

Next Steps and Actions to Prepare for 7/23 meeting and 7/26 VCC

Will put together language on the pathways and send to the entire group, and feedback will be via email. Call out strategies on those pathways and send in by Thursday.

Next Week

In-Person meeting option

2:48 PM Meeting Adjourned

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