

Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

1:00 – 2:00 PM July 30, 2021 Minutes

Physical Location: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in Catamount Room NL D215

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Subcommittee Members Present: Catherine Dimitruk, Erica Bornemann, Chad Farrell, David Snedeker, Joe Segale, Chris Cochran (Lindsey Kurrle designee), Ann Lawless
Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz, Ben Rose, Bronwyn Cooke, Dale Azaria, Anne Margolis, Jake Hemmerick

Greeting, review and approval of Agenda and [7/23/21 Minutes](#)

No changes, approved

VCC Meeting Review & Pathway Feedback - Catherine Dimitruk and Erica Bornemann

- Chad Farrell – The meeting was good, 3 of the subcommittees put information forward.
- Jane Lazorchak – Monday’s meeting went very smoothly. Comments will be accepted on the Google doc until the end of the week. Next week, both public and VCC feedback will be brought to subcommittees.
- Catherine Dimitruk – Looked at the overlap with Ag and Eco Systems subcommittee and created complimentary strategies and pathways. Met with the Steering Committee which resulted in very positive dialog.

Council and Sub-committee next steps

- Erica and Catherine reviewed upcoming August meetings. Next week the 6th, will be 1 hour, focused on vision and finalizing the stakeholders, the next meeting on the 13th will be off, the 20th and 27th we’ll refine our strategies after feedback from the community outreach on our developed actions. Erica will not be available on the 27th.
- Chris Cochran and Joe Segale updated the group on the data collected and looked at options available to towns for emissions reductions. We are focusing on “what are the greenhouse gas reduction benefits to the transportation network?” The challenge is time. Will try to get assistance so it can be presented in September. Comprehensive energy will be a component as well.
- Chad Farrell pointed out challenges older towns will be facing.

Vision and Goals Intro Discussion – Jane Lazorchak

Recognizing which strategies need to be refined and how to project the top strategies, identifying short term priorities versus long term priorities.

Stakeholder Engagement Intro

Discussion around stakeholders, identifying and collaborating with other subcommittees so there is one discussion with each stakeholder. Marian and Jane will coordinate those meetings. Regional Planning Coordinators would be one stakeholder group, select boards, municipalities, public works departments, land developers (who have a yearly conference and may have a way to reach the group), the Lake Champlain Chamber, VT Businesses for Social Responsibility, AIV and other organizations...

Public Engagement Plan was released yesterday. Task leads from Public Service dept presented to the Cross Sector group. Decision should be made whether technical assistance would be needed and how to invite stakeholders into the process.

Chad Farrell will bring back to the group, highlights on the workshop, on the 10th, regarding electricity. Anne Margolis also suggested involving communications organizations.

Next Steps

Erica and Catherine will work with Marian and Jane to coordinate the stakeholders', looking across subcommittees. At the next meeting a final proposal will be developed.

Public Comment

Ian Hitchcock – comments may be viewed in the video online

2:05 Adjourned

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