

Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

August 20, 2021 Minutes

Date/Time: August 20, 2021 1:02 PM
Location: Zoom meeting [recorded and posted online](#)
physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier
Subcommittee Members Present: Joe Segale, Mike Burke, Jay Shafer, Bronwyn Cooke, Chris Cochran (Lindsey Kurrle's designee), David Snedeker, Ann Lawless
Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Ben Rose (Erica Bornemann's designee), Anne Margolis, Marissa Yanez, Stephanie Smith, Jens Hilke
Minutes By: Sue Sharbino

Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [8/6/21 Minutes](#) - Chris Cochran

- No changes, minutes approved as drafted.

Updates and Announcements

- Marian Wolz - Reviewed Stakeholder groups' events in September and October. Sector specific events, looking at talking to those that are "on the ground" implementing the actions for the Climate Action Plan, different than the sector specific engagement. Focusing on three events: forestry, agriculture, and rural communities. Looking to this subcommittee to see if there is interest in working with other subcommittees on these events. A link to the doodle poll for scheduling initial planning meetings was shared in the chat.
- Chris Cochran – ACCD will be participating in the Comprehensive Energy Plan/Climate Action Plan workshop Transportation on Thursday 8/26, and will be speaking about land use in regard to transportation.
- Joe Segale – After discussion with the group focused on a smart growth study, AOT is not going to do a detailed analysis to quantify the greenhouse gas benefits of smart-growth because at this time, that work will be folded into the existing technical analysis of Cadmus. The Climate Action Plan can identify a more detailed study on smart growth as an action.
- Bronwyn Cooke – The greenhouse gas model has a vehicle miles traveled factor, would like to do some analysis around that using Vermont specific data.

Vision and Goals Discussion – Marian Wolz

- Presentation and discussion of the draft 2025, 2030, and 2050 goals that will be presented to the Climate Council on 8/24. Goals were finalized and presentation details to the Climate Council were discussed.

Action Work Planning and Next Steps

- August 23rd VT Climate Council Meeting - Bronwyn Cooke and Chris Cochran will present RRA Subcommittee's Visions and Goals
- September 28th VT Climate Council Meeting – RRA Subcommittee will present Initial Suite of Actions and Strategies
- Next week – reform groups around the pathways

Public Comment

- Ian Hitchcock provided comment - comments may be viewed online

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