

Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting
August 5, 2021 Meeting – Minutes

Date/Time: August 5, 2021 / 11:00 AM
Location: Meeting was recorded and [posted publicly](#)
Members Present: Johanna Miller, Liz Miller, Richard Cowart, Peter Walke, Kelly Klein, Peter Bourne, Christine Donovan, Ed McNamara, Jared Duval, Gina Campoli, David Farnsworth, and Christine Donovan
Staff Present: Marian Wolz, Ken Jones, Dan Dutcher, Deirdra Ritzer, Dan Edson and Diane Bothfeld, Jane Lazorchak
Members Absent: Adam Knudsen, Chad Farrell, and Chris Campany

- 11:02 AM Welcome / Opening Remarks (Richard Cowart)
- 11:05 AM Approval of [7/22/21 CSM Meeting Minutes](#) (Richard Cowart)
- 11:07 AM Jane Lazorchak provided an update to the subcommittee about technical services provided to the Vermont Climate Council. In a forthcoming meeting, the subcommittee will receive an update on the mitigation pathways developed by the Stockholm Environment Institute utilizing the LEAP model.
- 11:26 AM Non-Energy Discussion
Subcommittee heard from the Non-Energy Task Lead, Peter Walke, about challenges associated with evaluating the industrial processes sector. Emissions from that sector have tripled since 1990 based on the fact that many of the greenhouse gases in use today were not in use in 1990. This is particularly true of the semiconductor manufacturing sector where process emissions were near zero in 1990. The subcommittee provided support for the view that emissions reductions should come from all major sectors of the economy, but that it is not necessary for every subsector, or for individual emitters, to separately meet the emission pathways set out in the GWSA.
- 11:45 AM Electricity Discussion
Subcommittee members heard from the Electricity Task Leads, Liz Miller and Ed McNamara, about the development of a 100% renewable energy standard (RES) and the value decisions that will need to be made to implement a 100% RES. The subcommittee discussed the matter and how to understand the benefits and costs of each choice and ultimately how to include broad parameters in the Climate Action Plan (CAP).
- 12:17 PM Public Comment
The Subcommittee heard public comments from Annette Smith, Chase Whiting, and George Gross. Their full comments can be viewed on the video linked above.
- 12:31 PM BREAK

12:45 PM Buildings Discussion

Subcommittee members heard from Buildings Task Leads, Christine Donovan and Dave Farnsworth, about the need to address emissions from existing rental buildings. The subcommittee discussed potential options to address those emissions, including both advantages and challenges with different approaches.

1:23 PM Transportation Discussion

Subcommittee members heard from Transportation Task Leads, Johanna Miller and Gina Campoli, about a number of challenges, including the scale required to hit various outcomes, and funding needs. The subcommittee agreed to dedicate additional time to the transportation and buildings tasks at their next meeting.

2:00 PM Public Comment

The Subcommittee heard public comments from George Gross. His full comments can be viewed on the video linked above.

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