

# Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

## August 6, 2021 - Minutes

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**Date/Time:** August 6, 2021 1:04PM  
**Location:** Zoom meeting [recorded and posted online](#): physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier  
**Subcommittee Members Present:** Catherine Dimitruk, Erica Bornemann, Joe Segale, Mike Burke, Ann Lawless, Jay Shafer, Bronwyn Cooke (Chris Cochran Designee)  
**Staff Members Present:** Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz, Ben Rose, Anne Margolis, Patrick Field, Marissa Yanez  
**Minutes By:** Sue Sharbino

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### Review and Approval of Agenda and [7/30/21 Minutes](#)

- Subcommittee approved minutes as drafted.

### General Updates and Work Planning

- 8/13 meeting will be canceled cancelled; goals will be finalized at 8/20 meeting
- Joe Segale will attend the Steering Committee meeting on Monday as a representative from the subcommittee in the co-chair's absence.
- Update from Erica Bornemann – FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds are authorized for VT of up to 13.46 million dollars. There will not be an increase to the 4% already allocated.

### Finalize [Stakeholder Engagement Event Themes](#)

- Subcommittee members discussed the types of events needed to gather engagement from stakeholders.
- Subcommittee members came to consensus around three events; one focused on municipal and community resilience and adaptation with a focus on the challenges faced by rural communities, one on infrastructure, and one joint event focused on land use hosted together with the Agriculture and Ecosystems Subcommittee.
- Cross Sector Mitigation Subcommittee is holding an event on Buildings and Thermal; subcommittee members discussed asking those meeting organizers if a discussion around a statewide building code will be included in that event.

### Development of Vision and Goals

- Marian Wolz provided a presentation on the development of measurable goals for the Climate Action Plan.
- Subcommittee members began to brainstorm goals to set for resilience and adaptation for municipalities and the built environment across the 2025, 2030, and 2050 timeframes. Subcommittee member will continue to work on the goals ahead of presentation of measurable goals at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Climate Council meeting.

### Public Comment

- No public comment provided.

### 2:49 PM Meeting Adjourned

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