

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

September 10, 2021 Minutes

Date/Time:	September 10, 2021 1:01 PM
Location:	Zoom meeting recorded and posted online physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier
Subcommittee Members Present:	Erica Bornemann, Catherine Dimitruk, Joe Segale, Mike Burke, Chris Cochran (Lindsey Kurrle designee), Ann Lawless, David Snedeker, Jay Shafer (liaison from Science & Data Subcommittee)
Staff Members Present:	Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ben Rose, Allison Ross, Anne Margolis, Marissa Yanez, Stephanie Smith, Catherine Morris (CBI), Patrick Field, Bronwyn Cooke
Minutes By:	Sue Sharbino

Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [9/3/21 Minutes](#)

No changes, Minutes approved

Rural Communities Stakeholder Engagement Event Update - *Marian Wolz*

Discussion about added presentation by Ted Brady on an example of a town that did a good job on resilience planning and capacity, among other resources. Reviewed questions for the breakout groups.

Updates from Pathway Leads on Strategies, Actions, and Items for Subcommittee Discussion

- Pathway 1, 4 & 5 – *Chris Cochran*
Proposed revised strategy language and discussed the verbiage on actions under pathways. The cumulative work of all subcommittees will be submitted to the Council prior to the presentation.
- Pathway 2 – *Joe Segale & Anne Margolis*
Consolidated and refined strategies. Chris Campany brought up rural capacity to provide and identify critical infrastructure vulnerabilities and possible inequities. Rural water/wastewater has been identified as a gap and will be evaluated.
- Pathway 3 – *Ann Lawless*
Strategy 2 was reworded and detailed action items.

Prioritization Framework Update from Steering Committee Meeting - *Jane Lazorchak*

Five criteria were identified for prioritization; equity, co-benefits, impact, progress toward GWSA requirements and measurable goals, technical feasibility, and cost effectiveness. A technical consultant has been retained to enable subcommittees to do prework, to screen the actions for equity. A detailed drafting schedule will be emailed to the subcommittee.

Public Comment

No public comment

3:00 PM Adjourn

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