

**Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council
February 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: February 26, 2021 – 2:00 PM
Location: [Microsoft Teams](#) – meeting was recorded to be [posted online](#)
Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Ryan Patch, Sophia Clark, Lauren Oates
Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, Alex DePillis, Alexandra Kosiba, Marli Rupe

After review of the agenda, Jane Lazorchak spoke about creating a “cheat sheet” about the administrative needs and requirements of each of these meetings, especially regarding adherence to public meeting law. The Agency of Natural Resources is working on finalizing a contract for Climate Council facilitation, for approval by the Steering Committee next week.

The Subcommittee members then reviewed the list of nominations for consideration. The Subcommittee created a suite of top nominees and 2-3 alternates, should the top-ranking names no longer have the time or interest in involvement. The nominees are as follows:

- Alissa White
- Jake Claro
- Olivia Peña
- John Roberts
- David Mears
- Ben Machin
- Judy Dow*

*Judy Dow was previously selected by the Just Transitions Subcommittee, so the discrepancy will be worked out over the next several days.

The Subcommittee will convene next week, ideally as a full Subcommittee with the new members, to discuss meeting logistics and begin the work ahead. Consideration of a councilmember liaison to the Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee (as with Just Transitions and Science & Data Subcommittees) will be a topic at the next meeting, as well.

Three members of the public spoke at the end of the meeting. Topics of interest included support for a forestry-sector voice on the Subcommittee, as well as the need for the Subcommittee to ensure the importance of not just the working lands, but also wildlands and natural systems, as part of the Subcommittee’s charge. Their comments may be viewed in the video recording.

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