

**Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting  
May 2, 2022 – Minutes**

Zoom Virtual Meeting – Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#)  
Steering Committee Members Present: Kristin Clouser, Jared Duval, Chris Campany, Julie Moore, Lauren Oates  
Staff members present: David Plumb, Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz  
Minutes by: Marian Wolz

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- 11:30 AM      Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes](#)
- Staff provided an overview of the agenda
  - [April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes](#) approved as drafted
  - Steering Committee member raised that the minutes from 2/14 and 2/16 minutes have not been approved; recommendation to post those minutes in the Zoom chat and bring up for approval at the end of the meeting.
- 11:35 AM      Review the [May 16 Vermont Climate Council Agenda](#)  
*David Plumb & Jane Lazorchak, Director, GWSA*
- Staff reviewed the draft agenda for the May 16<sup>th</sup> Climate Council meeting with the Steering Committee.
  - A question was raised on what would be included in the rulemaking agenda item – Staff noted that ANR is required to present rules to the Council 45 days prior to the rules going to ICAR. A cover letter and technical guidance document will be shared with the Council in advance of their meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> that will detail the draft rules.
  - Recommendation to change the rulemaking item on the agenda to 30 minutes and add 15 mins to legislative update agenda item.
- 12:15 PM      Review Schedule of Additional Meetings in 2022  
*David Plumb & Jane Lazorchak*
- Staff reviewed the status of work in the task groups using the [Work Planning Slides](#).
    - Life Cycle Analysis: RFP being reviewed by cross cutting group, will be posted, and contracted, later in the summer
    - Ag Emissions: cross cutting group meeting two weeks from now to review a draft RFP. Grant from the US Climate Alliance was received but was short funded (\$75K instead of the \$100K requested). Task Group will work to determine if scope of RFP need to be constricted due to funding.

- Biomass: Task Group is meeting bi-weekly and will be discussing a revised active scope developed by the task group based on the tabled biomass actions from the CAP and beginning to welcome experts in to present.
- Transportation: Task Group is meeting weekly to discuss moving forward analysis without funding from the US Climate Alliance. There is a potential for funding through AOT from the IIJA but that is yet to be determined.
- Climate Toolkit: Task Group is meeting biweekly; have met with stakeholders and end users to get a better sense of toolkit needs; will be discussing design options later this month.
- Public engagement: Task Group is meeting today and is going to be thinking further about broad based public engagement events follow the two held in mid-April.
- Measuring and Assessing Progress Tool: A draft RFP has been with State IT for review; staff are working to incorporate comments from IT, Just Transitions Subcommittee, and other reviewers.
- Staff proposed cancelling the June 13<sup>th</sup> Climate Council meeting.
  - Steering Committee members agreed with cancelling the meeting, noted that a Climate Council meeting no later than early September would be best.
- Staff proposal to keep the Steering Committee meetings monthly through the summer.
  - Steering Committee members agreed with that proposal.
  - Suggestion to have subcommittee/task group updates at Steering Committee meetings during the summer – encourage Councilors to attend to receive those updates.
- A question was raised around who will be updating the public on the laws passed in the legislature related to the Climate Action Plan. Discussion focused on this being a subset of public outreach goals to discuss at the Council meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Steering Committee members suggested to have an agenda item on a fall meeting (September or October) that focuses on a legislative recap and next steps for the new biennium.
- Steering Committee members suggested looking at the planned timeline for development of the Administration’s budget and the Legislature’s expected consideration of future appropriations requests. Noted this would be helpful to look at this with Council to plan forward.
- It was noted that it would be helpful to have an overview of policies and funding decisions that did or did not move forward this legislative session. This conversation will begin on May 16<sup>th</sup> – will continue in fall meetings.

- Reminder that house appointments to the Climate Council will be up in October – recommendation to have orientation for new Council members in the fall.

12:45 PM Review and Approval of [New Subcommittee Members](#)

- Request to Steering Committee to review and approve new subcommittee members to Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee and Just Transitions Subcommittee.
- Concern was raised about the number of members on the Just Transition Subcommittee; it was noted that it may become unwieldy to gather this number of people together to reach consensus.
  - Request for a report back from all subcommittees 6 months from now on attendance at meetings.
- It was raised that the Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee will likely have to meet soon to discuss membership and representation, due to the departure of two members of the subcommittee.

12:46 PM Public Comment

- No public comment provided

12:47 PM Other Business

- Minutes from [2/14](#) and [2/16](#) Steering Committee meetings were approved.

12:50 PM Adjourn

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