

**Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
May 22, 2023, 8:45 am ET – Minutes**

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

8:45 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [April 3, 2023 minutes](#)
Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & Catherine Morris, CBI

- Minutes approved as drafted.

8:50 AM Strategy for Selecting Steering Committee Membership
David Plumb, CBI

- Committee agreed to bring the selection process forward to the full Climate Council to vote on new Steering Committee members. This will be done at the June 2023 meeting.

9:05 AM [Strategy for Addressing Councilor Concerns on the Biomass Recommendations](#)
David Plumb, CBI

- David Plumb, CBI, reviewed several options for addressing the Biomass recommendations
- Committee members agreed to form a group of Council members with one from each of the relevant sub-committees. Committee members also suggested having one or two steering committee members be a part of this group while also being able to represent a relevant subcommittee.
- Staff members reminded the Committee that there will need to further review if this Biomass Recommendations group will be a public meeting.
- Committee members requested support from CBI which will have to be confirmed and reviewed.
- Committee members requested the creation of a bibliography of information from the Biomass Task Group for both the new Council group and public can easily access the base information.
- Committee members shared concerns on the amount of time this may take and suggested to carefully prioritize and workplan to move the Biomass recommendations forward.
- Committee members suggested several Council members for the group including: Julie Moore, Liz Miller, David Deen, Kelly Klein, and Bram Klemper

9:30 AM [Council Meetings Calendar and Steering Committee Next Steps](#)
Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Officer, and David Plumb, CBI

- Jane Lazorchak reviewed the tentative Council meeting schedule and the next steps for the Steering Committee.
- Committee members agreed for the next full Climate Council to be on June 12th.

- Committee members requested that the new Council members be asked about their sub-committee preference. Committee may need to reconvene to decide sub-committee composition prior to June 12th meeting.

9:50 AM Public Comment

- Richard Hopkins provided public comment.
 - o Comments focused on
 - In this Biomass group, a request to be explicit about the basis of the recommendation that will be provided. Whatever the conclusion is, please be absolutely clear what the decision is and why the group chose to go the direction that they do.

10:00 AM Adjourn

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