

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
Sept. 21, 2021 – Minutes

Location:	Zoom Virtual Meeting – Meeting was recorded and posted online
Physical Location:	Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in Catamount Room NL D215
Steering Committee Members Present:	Jared Duval, Julie Moore, Lauren Oates, Liz Miller
Staff Present:	David Plumb (CBI), Cameron Hager (CBI), Jane Lazorchak,
Minutes by:	David Plumb

- 3:00 PM Welcome/Overview of Agenda
Review and approval of [Sept. 7 Minutes](#)
David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute
- Sept. 7 Minutes approved as drafted.
- 3:05 PM Decision-Making by the Council
David Plumb, Consensus Building
- The Steering Committee reviewed a proposal for [decision-making](#)
 - The committee had the following comments
 - A concern that the approach may not let the council move fast enough in these months.
 - The Climate Action plan shouldn't end up full of caveats and minority opinions. Let's set a threshold for including a minority opinion within the plan, or otherwise find a way to not distract from the messages of the Plan
 - The draft is confusing about the order of when straw polls would happen.
 - The committee agreed to provide written feedback in the next 24 hours, and David Plumb and Jane Lazorchak will make a new version to share with the full Council on Sept. 28 for review and consideration, with approval by the Council at a later meeting.
- 3:50 PM Cross-cutting issues task group – membership and functioning
Jane Lazorchak, Global Warming Solutions Act Director

- Jane described progress to date in creating the cross-cutting group.
- The Steering Committee supported the efforts, adding that a member of the administration should be part of it.

4:00 PM Guidance for Sub-Committees on applying foundational criteria and prioritizing
Jane Lazorchak, Director of the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA)

- Jane showed an updated version of the approach to apply foundational criteria, based on feedback from the Council.
- The Steering Committee supported moving forward with it.

4:05 PM Climate council meeting agendas for [Sept 28](#) and [Oct 5](#)
Jane Lazorchak, Director of the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA)

- The Steering Committee reviewed the agendas and had the following comments
 - The revised proposal on greenhouse gas inventory and supplemental accounting will likely not be ready in time for the Sept 28 meeting.
 - Jared Duval will advise within a day when to schedule the GHG conversation and the conversation around definitions for cost effectiveness and feasibility.
 - The Sept. 28 meeting is missing a Just Transition Reflection.
 - The Just Transitions subcommittee should provide input on that.
 - One councilor recommended as an option to invite Vermont 350 to present on the engagement they have been doing. Steering Committee members expressed some concerns about that and asked for guidance from the Just Transitions Subcommittee.

4:25 PM Public Comment

- Vanessa Rule from Vermont 350 spoke.

4:30 PM Adjourn

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