

Cross Section Mitigation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

12:00 PM January 20, 2022

Meeting Notes

Location: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602
in National Life Catamount Room; meeting was recorded and posted online [here](#).

S&D Subcommittee Members Present: Rich Cowart, Peter Walke, Johanna Miller, Jared Duval, Christine Donovan, Bram Kleppner, Gina Campoli, Chris Company, TJ Poor.

State Agency Staff Present: Jane Lazorchak, ANR; Marian Wolz, ANR; Megan O'Toole, VT DEC; Collin Smythe, VT DEC; Brian Woods, VT DEC; Deirdra Ritzer, VT DEC.

12:00 Welcome/ Approval of minutes (Co-Chairs)

Minutes from the December 9 and 16 minutes were approved by the sub-committee.

12:05 Legislative update (Co-chairs)

Peter and Jane gave an overview the different opportunities for legislative engagement that has occurred and that will occur as the session continues. Other sub-committee members and staff provided updates on their own communications with various legislative committees.

12:30 Transportation Process Memo – Joey, Gina, Megan, Jared

Joey provided an overview of how the memo was drafted and who was involved in its development. This effort included sub-committee members, state staff, and other stakeholders. Jared walked through the elements of the memo and set the context for the goals of the memo, and what the next steps will be. The sub-committee members discussed the memo and how to determine what emissions reductions we need to account for in the actions discussed in the memo.

1:15 – Vermont Pathways Reports – Next steps (Jane)

Jane reviewed the next steps for finalizing the Pathways report, acknowledging that some substantive changes are still being finalized. The subcommittee agreed that the contractors will present the final Pathways report at the next CSM meeting in February. There will be meetings to refine the final report with state staff before the final report is delivered to the sub-committee and the Council.

1:30 – Biomass work group next steps (Jane)

That work group will continue to meet and refine how to engage the public on this topic. Sub-committee members discussed who else to involve in the task group conversation, including councilors and outside experts. Jane will continue to update the sub-committee during future meetings.

1:45 – Next steps and adjourn (co-chairs)

Sub-committee members discussed the additional need for technical analysis related to the transportation and biomass work groups, and ways to support and fund that work. The co-chairs reiterated work to be done before and during the next meeting of the group, and decided to meet again on February 17, 2022.

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