

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

January 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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| Date/Time: | January 25, 2022 12:00 PM |
| Location: | Zoom meeting recorded and posted online |
| Subcommittee Members Present: | Catherine Dimitruk, Erica Bornemann, Ann Lawless, Chad Farrell, Chris Cochran, Karen Horn, Mike Burke, Joe Segale, Jay Shafer |
| Staff Members Present: | Ben Rose, Bronwyn Cooke, Marian Wolz, Jens Hilke, Anne Margolis, Jane Lazorchak |
| Minutes By: | Sue Sharbino |

Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [12/17/21 Minutes](#)

Minutes approved. Agenda adjusted so Jane Lazorchak can join for the Municipality Vulnerability Index discussion.

Work Tasks • Municipal Vulnerability Index • Toolkit

- Toolkit - Discussed how work would progress with different projects. Connecting specific tools with people who can help towns navigate the tools, curate the list so towns can access easily. Hazard Mitigation team can help in putting it together. Looked at creating a subgroup to work on a buildout on this toolkit; Ben Rose, Caroline Massa, Karen Horn, Ann Lawless and Jens Hilke will work with Marian.
- Municipal Vulnerability Index – GMP expanded the index to include other key indicators on resiliency, communications, and social vulnerability. Funds are set aside for consultant assistance to put together for the Council. Jens brought forward the resiliency plan is more than just the hazard piece outside of the GMP work. Minimum datapoints, identifying what needs to be measured is part of the piece on what equals vulnerability in Vermont. The technical analysis budget was discussed for developing an RFP to build the Municipal Vulnerability Index. A cross committee subgroup would be used to measure progress and report on the RFP process. The subgroup is Joe Segale, Catherine Dimitruk, Jay Shafer, Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, Stephanie Smith, and Anne Margolis.

Legislative Update – Jane Lazorchak

There's been an overview of the Climate Action Plan by the Council, inviting co-chairs in to answer questions. Jane gave an update of pertinent bills being presented. Erica outlined the scope of ARPA funding and highlighted the support of hazard mitigation. Chris Cochran also gave an update.

Subcommittee composition and 2022 meeting schedule

Discussed having a once-a-month meeting and finding a day/time that works for the group. Marian will send out a poll. Subcommittee membership was reviewed and discussed looking for

possible additions, and if any members would like to leave. Marian will compile a list of ideas folks come up with.

Public Comment

Gary Deziel – comments may be viewed on the video online

Adjourn 1:24 p.m.

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