

**Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting**  
**October 16, 2023, 8:30 am ET – Minutes**

Zoom Virtual Meeting: Meeting was recorded and **posted online**  
Steering Committee Members Present: Bram Klemper, Julie Moore, Jared Duval,  
Kelly Klein, Liz Miller, and Kristin Clouser  
Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak,  
David Plumb  
Minutes by: David Plumb and Cameron Hager

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8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [September 11, 2023](#) minutes.  
*Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & David Plumb, CBI*

- Minutes approved as drafted.

8:35 AM Next Steps on Work Planning  
*David Plumb, CBI*

- The committee decided to incorporate the feedback from the September full Council meeting into the Work Planning document. Steering Committee member Jared Duval and Secretary of ANR Julie Moore will help on the next draft. In addition, the SC will reach out to council member Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux to provide an update on climatology for the full Council.
- The committee mentioned that the updated draft Work Plan would be reviewed in November by the SC before presented to the full Council in December.

8:50 AM Next Steps on Biomass Recommendations  
*David Plumb, CBI*

- The Committee agreed for the Biomass Writing Group to reconvene to incorporate feedback from the September full Council meeting for a draft to be reviewed at the December Climate Council meeting.

9:00 AM Update on Senate Appointments, and sub-committee co-chair vacancies  
*Senate Appointees*

- The Committee reviewed the senate appointee process. The deadline for the Senate appointments is October 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Senate is currently going through that process.
- The Committee reviewed the subcommittee co-chair vacancies. It was announced the Andrea Wright will be co-chair of the Rural Resilience subcommittee.
- The Committee agreed with the plan for the Rural Resilience and Adaptation subcommittee to move forward with reconvening to start the priority for the Climate Council meeting in December. For other subcommittees, the steering committee will revisit after the October 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline for Senate appointments.

9:15 AM Council Agenda for December 18 Meeting  
*David Plumb, CBI*

- The Committee decided that the Council Agenda for December 18 will include the following:
  - Deciding on revised biomass recommendations
  - Providing input on resiliency priorities (based on subcommittee review of state government plans)
  - Reviewing a draft annual report for the legislature
  - Discussing the State Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Reviewing the revised Work Plan document to discuss the work that needs to get done by subcommittees between the December meeting and the Spring Council meeting.
- The Committee agreed to rewriting the Governance Document to update the language around subcommittee appointees for both membership and leadership.

9:30 AM Public Comment

- No members of the public made comment

9:30 AM Adjourn