

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council October 22, 2021 Minutes

Date/Time: October 22, 2021 12:45 PM
Location: Zoom meeting [recorded and posted online](#)
physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier
Subcommittee Members Present: Catherine Dimitruk, Erica Bornemann, Ann Lawless, Chad Farrell, Chris Cochran, Mike Burke, David Snedeker
Staff Members Present: Ben Rose, Stephanie Smith, Bronwyn Cooke, Jens Hilke, Anne Margolis, Patrick Field, Marissa Yanez
Minutes By: Sue Sharbino

Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [10/15/21 Minutes](#)

No changes, approved

Equity Screen of Actions Kiah Morris

Kiah led the discussion around looking at actions in a detailed way while looking at the equity angle.

Example of assessment questions:

Battery storage program, buy-in cost and can they afford it? Rent payers versus owners, who are the beneficiaries? Cost sharing between individuals installing the device, as well as all the members. Impact on communities, looking at regions of VT. Rural communities could benefit from it. Building in details from resources. Technology - could also be negative about it... the impact we don't see...

Some people have a "stay out of my home" attitude.... Some choose to live off the grid. Various nuances... Different electric companies have different offerings. GMP has programs to apply for but a small electric company does not.

Scoring rubric – Goes along with the assessment questions, looking at particular areas and evaluating what the score might be.

CAP Sections Writing Check-In Co-Chairs

Discussed drafts and submitting to the Council by Nov. 2nd. If an action is fleshed out and can do the equity screen, then put it in, if not, say it is not done yet. None of the proposals are ready as far as the equity screen is concerned. Putting forth to legislature with an asterisk that it is in draft form.

Challenges are no public engagement until after it's released and not enough time to do the drafting. Questions about the template, could be discussed on Monday. There is someone who could help with populating the action tables.

3:45 PM Adjourn

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