

## Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council October 29, 2021 Minutes

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<b>Date/Time:</b>	October 29, 2021 1:01 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom meeting <a href="#">recorded and posted online</a> physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier
<b>Subcommittee Members Present:</b>	Catherine Dimitruk, Erica Bornemann, Ann Lawless, Chad Farrell, Chris Cochran, Mike Burke, David Snedeker, Joe Segale
<b>Staff Members Present:</b>	Ben Rose, Bronwyn Cooke, Marian Wolz, Jens Hilke, Anne Margolis, Patrick Field, Marissa Yanez, Jane Lazorchak
<b>Minutes By:</b>	Sue Sharbino

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### **Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [10/22/21 Minutes](#)**

Request to add an item to the agenda to discuss a request for additional resources for the subcommittee.  
Minutes - No changes, minute approved as drafted.

### **Update from 10/26 Climate Council Meeting - Jane Lazorchak**

Senator Ram-Hinsdale presented on the environmental justice bill and detailed components of the bill. The Council discussed the scoring rubric, presentation time at the 11/9 meeting for the Rural Resilience and Adaptation Subcommittee and the Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee.

Discussion at the Council that actions from the Rural Resilience and Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittees will be bulleted; equity and next steps will be addressed at the strategy level. A “cheat sheet” of actions will be provided to see information on one page and will be used to guide Councilor feedback on draft sections of the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

### **Resources for the Committee – Catherine Dimitruk**

Subcommittee co-chair raised that additional resources have been requested by the subcommittee but they have not been received. Recommendation to weigh-in to the Council regarding this need. Chris Campany supported the request as well Chris Cochran. Jane Lazorchak suggested being specific in what resources and funds are needed. Catherine said elevating the issue would be important. Catherine will accept emails to her with comments before submitting something to the Council.

Erica expressed extreme appreciation to Bronwyn Cook for all her contributions to this committee.

### **Review Draft Sections of the CAP Co-Chairs and Section Authors**

- Dale Azaria reviewed the draft, most were programs requiring technical assistance, she felt it wouldn't change the trajectory without adding in requirements. CLF's letter submitted in October stated financial and technical assistance for utilities, but no requirements attached, as an example. Putting in requirements would add to the submission.
- Chris Cochran responded that a lot of the concerns she elevated will be addressed in the Cross Sector piece, which has not been addressed yet.
- Catherine felt the work completed by the team was an excellent product.
- Bronwyn reflected it's clear we understand impacts to flooding and infrastructure, but not the human aspect yet.

- Ben mentioned similar hazards identified in the hazard mitigation plan. Stephanie and Ben were impressed with the work done so far. It's been captured and framed properly.
- Erica asked authors whether comments should be submitted. Chris Cochran mentioned the lack of time between now and submitting to the Council. Joe Segale expressed the need to go through it now as a group.
- Bronwyn Cooke discussed viewing/editing access to documents, limiting comments to email to maintain the integrity of the original document. Currently the viewing is for listed members of the committee. In order to change it to general viewing it would require IT.
- Erica expressed appreciation to Ben and Bronwyn for their work.
- An editor is needed for consistency with a step back perspective. Final master editor (for pathway 2) one volunteer will give one voice to that section. For the overall view, no answer to that yet, the Council is discussing it.
- Bronwyn felt the first paragraph needs an "equity" language change to internalize this document. Using consistent language from Just Transitions. Chris Campany will work on that writing and submit it to Erica.
- The group went through the pathways and made several edits.

### **Presentation of High Priority Actions to VCC on 11/9 Co-Chairs**

Jane outlined the process and Marian will be doing consolidation work.

### **Next Steps**

### **Public Comment**

No Comments

### **3:00 PM Adjourn**

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