

## Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council October 8, 2021 Minutes

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**Date/Time:** October 8, 2021 1:02 PM  
**Location:** Zoom meeting [recorded and posted online](#)  
physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier  
**Subcommittee Members Present:** Erica Bornemann, Catherine Dimitruk, Ann Lawless, Mike Burke, Chris Cochran (Lindsey Kurrle designee), David Snedeker  
**Staff Members Present:** Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ben Rose, Marissa Yanez, Jens Hilke, Patrick Field, Bronwyn Cooke.  
**Minutes By:** Sue Sharbino

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### **Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [10/1/21 Minutes](#)**

No changes, approved

### **Update from 10/7 Climate Council Meeting - Jane Lazorchak**

Consideration of VMT reductions due to compact settlement patterns in the LEAP modeling was discussed. The modeling is at a pathway level for CSM pathways; specific sector meetings will be set up. Chris and Bronwyn could benefit from those discussions for the transportation pathways.

### **Review Foundational Criteria Definitions - Marian Wolz & Jane Lazorchak**

Comments on the criteria were related to equity and the scoring rubric, minor changes were made before bringing it to the Council meeting. Reviewed impact and the definitions with the moderated language added. Cost effectiveness carries forward to new funding sources, including the challenges for the future. Discussed low, medium, and high priorities and how costs and impact are considered.

### **Report Out on Prioritization Process from Pathway Leads**

*Discussion of any roadblocks or questions on the foundational criteria definitions or prioritization process*

Pathway Leads reports:

Pathway 1, 4, 5 – Chris outlined how they were scored, and the group will reconvene to establish the high priority items. Bronwyn has notes on challenges faced with using the rubric and criteria which she will share with the subcommittee. Erica mentioned rewording may be necessary to make sure the outcome is apparent, as the task groups work on these. When task groups consolidate and reword things, they will document those changes. Erica mentioned questions on wording for pathway 4 around the wetlands. Actions around residential and commercial building codes was reviewed by the group. The state's challenge would be administering building codes.

Pathway 2 – Mike started with a list for ranking and the group has started the process. Monday a meeting is set up with Dale to discuss her letter.

Pathway 3 – Ann said their meeting went well with input from Marian. Next meeting will be on Wednesday to be followed by discussion. Possibly will need to consolidate weatherization, looking at outcomes and refining definitions. Ben shared the matrix used with FEMA and how to recognize building a case for a larger action. Discussed gathering town data on repair and costs of minor damage.

Submit spreadsheet results (high priorities sorted and highlighted) to Marian by Thursday on priorities and ranking for actions to be in the CAP. Also, actions that need to go through Kya, to apply an equity screen. Marian will send instructions to the task groups.

## **CAP Drafting Guidance Overview - Marian Wolz**

Guidance for drafting the CAP has been developed and will be released later today.

## **Cross-Cutting Themes Group Update - Jane Lazorchak**

The first meeting focused on the cross-cutting themes, and they looked at land use as the most common from all subcommittees. At the second meeting, discussion of how land use fits into the CAP outline was discussed. Jane will be sending out a revised CAP outline for the group to comment on for the next meeting.

## **Next Steps**

Guidelines to be released for ranking, by Marian.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **2:53 pm Adjourn**

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