

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

December 1, 2023 Minutes

Date/Time:	December 1, 2023 9:01 AM
Location:	Zoom meeting recorded and posted online Physical location for this meeting suspended due to temporary Open Meeting Law provisions
Subcommittee Members Present:	Ann Lawless, Andrea Wright, David Grass, Val Stori, Alice Peal, Marian Wolz, Paula Melton, Eric Forand, David Deen
Minutes By:	Sue Plant

Welcome, Review and Approval of Agenda and [11/9/23 Minutes](#)

Andrea Wright, Rural Resilience & Adaptation Subcommittee co-chair

No changes, minutes approved

No changes to the Agenda

Review and discussion of poll results on proposed recommendations

Catherine Morris, CBI Facilitator & Marian Wolz, Climate Action Office and Subcommittee member

The two main points Catherine used to disseminate the data were:

- Resources and tools to be used for communities, businesses, and individuals, to use to accelerate adaptation and resilience.
- Disaster recovery funding from the State or Federal Government, as a new program to provide more capacity.

Reviewed poll results and encouraged members to bring forth items that may not have been high in recommendations but feel they are important. Prioritized and identified top recommendations for the council, grouping by broad themes. Noted that some actions may need to be more specific. Will pick top 5 priorities from an online poll, ranking order.

Public Comment - None

Review and Discussion of Draft Letter Response

Paula Melton, Councilor, and Subcommittee member on behalf of drafting group

- Reviewed [letter from House Speaker Jill Krowinski](#) to the Vermont Climate Council

May restructure recommendations and invite more dialog. Under creating a vision for resilience and adaptation, it references the State Hazard Mitigation Plan and Climate Action Plan. Will need to “lump” priorities together and rank by COB Monday 12/4 and need responses from subcommittee members by COB Wednesday 12/6 and meet again on Friday 12/8.

- [Draft Climate Council Response to House Speaker’s Letter](#)

Next Meeting – Friday, 12/8/23 9:00 AM

11:02 AM Adjourn