

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

December 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 2, 2022 12:32 PM
Location: Zoom meeting [recorded and posted online](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: Erica Bornemann, Bronwyn Cooke, Marian Wolz, Ann Lawless, Val Stori, Megan Roush, Alice Peal, Miriam Serota-Winston
Staff Members Present: Jens Hilke, Ben Rose, David Grass, Anne Margolis, Jared Ulmer
Minutes By: Sue Plant

Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [9/23/22 Minutes](#)

Minutes approved, no changes to the agenda

Lake Champlain Sea Grant Presentation by Gary Deziel, University of Vermont Extension

Gary gave an overview of the environmental hazard resilience program, detailing resilience building activities and education for municipalities and communities. A survey was conducted with town officials from VT and NY (1200 participants) with responses from 156 municipalities. Issues of flood resilience and drought were brought up. Gary outlined how his organization has the ability to work on many issues related to resilience and would like to collaborate with other groups.

Climate Toolkit Update by Marian Wolz

Marian updated the subcommittee with the work of the task group. They've made 3 objectives in bringing this to municipalities; Keep it Simple, Highlight Existing Work and Amplifies Climate Change Impacts and Issues. Topic areas are listed, and resources follow and will be on the Climate Change website. The subcommittee was asked to review and mention any other areas that should be included.

Municipal Vulnerability Index and other Updates

Marian will let the group know when the contract is ready.
Next subcommittee meeting will be after the new year.

Public Comment

None

1:30 PM Adjourn

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| SP | Sue Plant (Me) |  |  |
|  | Marian Wolz (she/her) (Host) |  |  |
| AP | Alice Peal |  |  |
| EB | Erica Bornemann, VEM |  |  |
| AL | Ann Lawless |  |  |
| BC | Bronwyn Cooke (ACCD) |  |  |
| AM | Anne Margolis, Public Service D... |  |  |
| BR | Ben Rose (Vermont Emergency ... |  |  |
| DV | David.Grass, Vermont Departm... |  |  |
| GD | Gary Deziel - Lake Champlain S... |  |  |
| JU | Jared Ulmer - Health Departme... |  |  |
|  | Jens Hilke |  |  |



Megan Roush, VHFA (She/Her)



Miriam Serota-Winston



Val Stori (she/her)



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