

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council February 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 4, 2022 10:00 AM
Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).
Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Alissa White, Ryan Patch, John Roberts, Judy Dow, David Mears
State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Judson Peck, Ali Kosiba, Bob Popp, Marli Rupe

10:00 AM Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [12/17/21 Minutes](#).
Agenda for today and minutes from 12/17 minutes approved as drafted.

10:05AM VCC 2022 work planning, budget, and legislative session update

- Staff provided an overview of the VCC 2022 work planning process. Work on implementation of CAP priorities is shifting to task groups that are forming under subcommittee to carry out specific deliverables. This includes work on the Municipal Vulnerability Index, Measuring and Assessing Progress Tool, Climate Toolkit, transportation policy, biomass, and several other initiatives.
- Staff provided an overview of the bills in the legislature relevant to the CAP. Presentations on the CAP broadly have been given in several Senate and House Committees. Specific bills related to UVA changes, the Clean Heat Standard, Environmental Justice, and weatherization, to name a few, are currently active in the Legislature.
- Subcommittee members provided updates on additional bills of interest.

11:30 AM Workgroups: interest from subcommittee members on participation, timeline, interface with subcommittee.

- Subcommittee discussed the formation of the biomass work group. Subcommittee members Charlie Hancock and Judy Dow expressed interest in joining that work group. David Mears will touch base with Lauren Oates and will reach out to Jane and Marian if either would like to join.
- Subcommittee discussed the formation of the agricultural emissions work group. Abbie Corse, Ryan Patch, Alyssa White, and John Roberts expressed interest in serving on that work group.
- No subcommittee members present noted interest in working on the Municipal Vulnerability Index. Billy suggested reaching out to Lauren Oates to gauge her interest in serving on this work group.

11:00 AM Public Comment

- Jennifer Ramstetter provided public comment.

- Cheryl Joy provided public comment.

11:10 AM Future Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee meetings – meeting purpose and frequency.

- Subcommittee discussed any members who were interested in transitioning off the subcommittee. Iris Hsiang noted she would be transitioning slowly off the subcommittee.
- Subcommittee members discussed the subcommittee meeting schedule moving forward.
- Subcommittee agreed to schedule a meeting for March 25th at 10am, after legislative cross-over. Agreed to discuss at that meeting, frequency of meetings moving forward.

11:40 AM Public Comment

- Jennifer Ramstetter provided public comment.
- Cheryl Joy provided public comment.

11:45 PM Adjourn