

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council

May 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 27, 2022 12:00 PM
Location: Zoom meeting [recorded and posted online](#)
Subcommittee Members Present: Catherine Dimitruk, Erica Bornemann, Ann Lawless, Mike Burke, Joe Segale, David Snedeker, Val Stori, Megan Roush, Alice Peel, Andrea Wright
Staff Members Present: Ben Rose, Bronwyn Cooke, Jens Hilke, Anne Margolis, Jane Lazorchak, Stephanie Smith, Ben Rose, David Grass
Minutes By: Sue Sharbino

12:03 pm Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [3/25/22 Minutes](#)

No changes to agenda, minutes approved

Introductions

New subcommittee members introduced themselves, gave their backgrounds and their interest in the VCC RRA. Jane Lazorchak gave an update on the changes in the VCC office.

Task Group Updates

• Municipal Vulnerability Index

David Grass, Anne Margolis, Joe Segale, and Jay Schaeffer are on the task group.

They are working on an RFP to be shared with counselors and consultants that would be able to help with this process. New contracts will be released in August. Ben asked about identifying the most vulnerable municipalities and how they would connect with the Climate Toolkit. Jane explained that once identified, municipalities will be directed to the toolkit to interface with data and information, which also explains how it is prioritized.

• Climate Toolkit

Jens Hilke, Ann Lawless, Ben Rose on the task group.

Met with a consultant about the website and the information architecture, having multiple avenues to access the tools. People from large and small communities will be accessing this and they emphasized how they can find information that is useful to them on the website.

Council Updates / Fall Workplan Jane Lazorchak

Allocation of the budget and bills, all funding and legislation will be reflected on the spreadsheet created by Jane and Marian. Council will reconvene in the fall to further advance the transportation sector and discuss the best approach. Transition of the council, 8 appointees (House) are due to step down in October, which will bring new or re-appointees to the group.

Anne discussed the funds that will be coming to support the energy resilient implementation. Will be looking at action items and prioritizing them.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjourn 1:15 PM

Notes from the chat:

From Jane Lazorchak to Everyone

An important new report from the National League of Cities with Vermont as one of the featured locations: <https://www.nlc.org/resource/the-next-american-migration-what-cities-should-know-about-climate-change-and-populations-on-the-move/>

<http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/BidPreview.aspx?BidID=56634>

There is stakeholder engagement and development of a formal plan for use as the second task of the RFP

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/anr/climatecouncil/Shared%20Documents/220516%20leg%20update%20for%20VCC%20Work%20Planning.pdf>

Direct link to slides above

From Ben Rose (Vermont Emergency Mgmt.) to Everyone

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From Ann Lawless to Everyone

At the VEM conference yesterday Caroline Massa (a toolkit task force member) gave a great presentation and Q & A. She works on Hazard Mitigation planning. There was lots of interesting discussion about integrating Emergency Operations Plans (perhaps expanding them to include climate impacts) and Hazard Mitigation Plans and Town Plans.

From Catherine Dimitruk to Everyone

https://www.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Climate-Change-and-Land-Use_Standard-Resolution_20220524.pdf