

**Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council**  
**12:00 PM August 18, 2022**  
**Minutes**

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Location: Meeting was recorded and posted online [here](#)

Subcommittee Members Present: TJ Poor, Bram Kleppner, Johanna Miller, Jared Duval, Liz Miller, Christine Donovan, Adam Sherman, Gina Campoli, Kelly Klein, Chris Campany, Dave Farnsworth

State Agency Staff Present: Marian Wolz, Collin Smythe, Brian Woods, Diane Bothfeld, Andrew Wright

Minutes by: Marian Wolz

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12:00 PM Welcome / Opening Remarks

- Review of agenda
- [June 16 Minutes](#) approved as drafted

12:05 PM Subcommittee Composition – Youth Nominee

- Co-chairs have not had a chance to connect with the youth nominee to the CSM subcommittee so will have to hold recommendation of addition of a youth member to the subcommittee to the next meeting.

12:10 PM Transportation Task Group

- Task Group members presented the recommendations included in the Transportation Task Group [recommendations](#) memo.
  - Subcommittee members suggested edits to the memo, to include:
    - Pg 2 bullet 1 under “To inform...we recommend”, add “decisions to implement programs will require legal and legislative work to implement them” to the following sentence, “That includes advancing cornerstone measures like Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks as well as other strategies identified and designed to foster more equitable and inclusive public process and setting the stage for more significant cost- and carbon-cutting transportation measures, such as creating a Transportation Equity Advisory Body and ensuring that legal and legislative jurisdiction exists for the state to be ready for potential new economy-wide policies or regulatory programs.”
    - Pg 2 paragraph that begins with “Technical analyses to date and professional expertise suggests...”, add sentence to the end that notes, “The process by which the Climate Council will decide on which of these two approaches and within the chosen approach which particular programs to recommend to the legislature will include a public engagement process, cost analyses, and other key components that the Council will be engaged in over the next X amount of time to ensure we have everything we need from the citizens of Vermont, financial sector, and science sector, to be able to put forward with confidence a recommendation.”

- Recommendation to simplify the four bullets that contain recommendations.
- Recommendation to include in the bullet that speaks to incentives to highlight not only the incentives, but the infrastructure needed to do it. For example, when targeting programs at gasoline superusers, ensure EV incentives and programs focus on EV infrastructure in rural areas, and include home based upgrades so that level II home chargers can be deployed.
- Revise the first bullet at the top of page 2 to state that the resources should be found to do a full analysis of what the impacts and GHG reductions would be if Vermont pursued a cap and invest or a performance-based standard.

12:55 PM Public Comment

- George Gross and Annette Smith Commented. Comments included:
- Hoping to see more concrete recommendations included in the memo. Would also like to see the study include recommendations on how to work with neighboring states on a regional approach.

1:00 PM Preparation for September Council Meeting

- Comments should be sent to Joey and Gina preferably before next Monday so the task group can edit the memo prior to sharing ahead of the September Council meeting.

1:05 PM Buildings/Thermal Sector RFP

- The RFP for this work will be issued next week. The task group will meet to review bids for the work. Questions were raised about the process for task group work.
- Task Group Composition:
  - Christine Donovan, Dave Farnsworth, and Jared Duval volunteered to review the RFP and proposals. Rich Cowart had previously expressed interest in participating in review and will be included in meeting scheduling.
  - Suggestion to schedule another subcommittee meeting on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm so the full subcommittee and public have a chance to review the finalized RFP.

1:22 PM Update on Biomass Task Group

- Subcommittee members participating in the task group provided an overview of conversations and meetings to date.
- The Task Group is aiming to have recommendations ready for Council review at the October meeting.

1:27 PM Public Comment

- Sentiment shared that the learning presentations have not been very helpful; not sharing what the issues are with biomass use for electricity.
- Recommendation to create a list of the data needs to inform the biomass conversation and to reference when setting budget priorities.

1:38 PM Budget Priorities and September Council Meeting

- Co-chair provided an overview of the Council's role in engaging in the Administration's budget creation process.
- Suggestion to determine who is tracking CAP recommendations to inform future budget prioritization.
- Recommendations that task groups (Transportation, and Buildings & Thermal) come back to the next CSM meeting with recommendations for the subcommittee to consider before the September Council meeting.

1:50 PM      Public Comment

- No public comment provided.

1:55 PM      Next Steps and Adjourn

- Subcommittee will meet next on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

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