

Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council September 10, 2021 Meeting - Minutes

- Date/Time: September 10, 2021 10:00 AM
- Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom with a physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier. Meeting was recorded and posted online.
- Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Alissa White, Ryan Patch, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Lauren Oates, Iris Hsiang, Jake Claro, Judy Dow, David Mears
- State Staff Members Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ali Kosiba, Marli Rupe, Bob Popp, Alex Depillis, Judson Peck, Pat Field (CBI)
- 10:00 AM Greeting, Review, and Approval of the [Agenda](#) and [9/3/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda and minutes were approved
- 10:05 AM 9/7 VCC Steering Committee Meeting Update: Prioritization, CAP Drafting and Equity Screen – Jane Lazorchak
- Subcommittee asked clarifying questions and provided process suggestions on the CAP Drafting Plan. Jane will share a draft proposal for the CAP Drafting Plan once it is available.
 - Contract close to signature with Equity consultants who will support Subcommittees in the equity component of this work
- 10:35 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comments were received by Jennifer Ramstetter
- 10:45 AM Discussion of Draft Matrix of Strategies, Pathways and Actions
- Billy Coster shared process the Matrix drafters went through to consolidate and re-structure strategies. Billy and Judson Peck emphasized that no actions suggested by any of the Subtask leads have been deleted, only reordered and redundancies consolidated.
 - Billy Coster introduced proposed process to support next steps forward and described the preparation necessary to present this to Vermont Climate Council. Subcommittee discussed.
 - Individual Subcommittee members will review draft Matrix and share input, concerns, gaps, and outstanding questions with Billy and Abbie by Wednesday COB in written form. If members of the public are interested in submitting comments on this Matrix, they will be encouraged to use the same template as the Subcommittee members and to submit into the Public Portal by COB Wednesday. This feedback will be consolidated and sent back out to Subcommittee members before Friday’s meeting.
 - Subcommittee started discussing some initial concerns.

- 11:40 AM Big Idea Brainstorm and Discussion
- Task Group 5C has prepared a proposed recommendation to the full Vermont Climate Council addressing concerns and gaps in the currently proposed Emissions inventory, as relate to the agricultural emissions reduction approach and calculations. Subcommittee was asked to review and discuss whether they support and are willing to elevate this recommendation to the level of the Vermont Climate Council. Subcommittee members mostly agreed with the proposal but were not able to reach full consensus by the end of the meeting. Members will review the document and revisit the conversation at next week's meeting.
- 12:05 PM Public Comment #2
- Public comments were received by Cheryl Joy Lipton, Zack Porter
- 12:10 PM Meeting Adjourned

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