

Rural Resilience Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council September 17, 2021 Minutes

Date/Time:	September 17, 2021 1:01 PM
Location:	Zoom meeting recorded and posted online physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier
Subcommittee Members Present:	Erica Bornemann, Chad Farrell, Catherine Dimitruk, Mike Burke, Chris Cochran (Lindsey Kurrle designee), David Snedeker, Jason Shafer (liaison from the Science and Data Subcommittee)
Staff Members Present:	Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Ben Rose, Allison Ross, Anne Margolis, Marissa Yanez, Patrick Field, Bronwyn Cooke, Jens Hilke
Minutes By:	Sue Sharbino

Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [9/10/21 Minutes](#)

No changes, approved

Stakeholder Engagement Event Recap

- Summary of note takers on feedback will be shared with the subcommittee at the next meeting.
- The event went very well, great discussion.
- Jens noted the need to find additional ways to get people to volunteer, using marketing (which could be incorporated in our strategies).
- Ben noted that those that were there were folks in agreement and “in the circle”, not folks that we don’t hear from.
- Marian mentioned future events that may bring forth others.
- Mike spoke about rural areas that don’t have local stores nearby, so they must travel to get to them.
- Chad added the smart growth elements for rural communities.

Guidance from Climate Council Meeting - Jane Lazorchak

- Addressed two issues in feedback on the Climate Plan drafting, roles and responsibilities, and prioritization. Set up meeting with the 5 subcommittee co-chairs and the equity consultant for next Tuesday for collaboration of a comprehensive list of actions to put forward to the Council.
- Pat discussed the timeline and tasks involved. Volunteers requested for the writing.
- Jane clarified cross cutting ideas and themes regarding land use across subcommittees. A group is being formed to review the pathways, strategies, and actions in this regard.

Finalize actions spreadsheet - Subcommittee co-chairs and Marian Wolz

- Draft Pathways, Strategies, Actions list with meeting comments - excel spreadsheet on website.
- Zack Porter gave public comment (which can be viewed on recording on website).

Discussion of actions to review at Council meeting - Subcommittee co-chairs

- Marian will receive comments by the subcommittee by Tuesday morning and add them to the spreadsheet. Then Erica and Marian will review prior to going to the council.

Public Comment

- Zack Porter made a public comment (which can be viewed on recording on website).

2:53 pm Adjourn

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