

Biomass Task Group
July 13, 2022
Minutes

- 8:30 AM Introductions and Reminder of Protocol of the Group and Approval of Minutes
From [6/29 Meeting](#)

Minutes were approved as drafted
- 8:35 AM Follow-up on Air Quality and Wood Combustion Health Considerations
- [Follow-up](#) provided in writing from *Jared Ulmer, Climate & Health Program Coordinator at Vermont Department of Health*
- 8:45 AM Thermal Expansion at McNeil Power Plant, *Darren Springer, General Manager, Burlington Electric Department*
- Darren Springer [presented](#) on the history of thermal expansion at McNeil power plant and the reasons why it has not moved forward to date and where they are currently in the process now.
- The group asked for follow-up on [fossil fuel consumption](#) at the plant which was shared by BED.
- 9:45 AM Public Comment
- Public comments were received from Cheryl Joy Lipton.
- 9:55 AM Next Meeting's Topic and Presenters
- The next couple of meetings will focus on the role of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department in reviewing chip harvests and the broader implications of biomass as a tool to keep forests as forests in VT with presentations from VT Coverts, staff from Forests, Parks, and Recreation, and Dr. Tony D'Amato from the University of Vermont.
- 10:00 AM Adjourn