

Biomass Task Group
August 10, 2022
Agenda

- 8:30 AM Introductions and Reminder of Protocol of the Group and Approval of Minutes
From [7/13 Meeting](#)
- *Be present with a clear mind & open heart*
 - *Listen generously across difference, with the boundary of self-care*
 - *Ask for what you need → with a boundary around expecting all of your needs to be met by others*
 - *Speak your truth while tending to the impact of your words*
 - *To honor complexity → with a boundary against hard assumptions*
- 8:35 AM Upcoming Meetings
- 8/24 - Consideration of biomass management in forest management (Confirmed)
 - 9/14 (Potential) - Dr. Juliette Rooney-Varga is a Professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, Director of the Climate Change Initiative, and Co-Director of the Rist Institute for Sustainability and Energy. Because Vermont's electricity sector is only marginally powered by natural gas (and oil to an even lesser extent), comparisons to those fuels are not particularly helpful in the electricity context. The more likely electricity sources to be displaced in Vermont by biomass are hydropower, nuclear, solar, and wind. Dr. Rooney would speak about the relative GHG outcomes of those sources compared to biomass.
 - Dr. Jerome [Laganriere study](#) allows us to compare biomass LCA emissions to two of the fossil fuels that are most relevant to Vermont (natural gas and oil) for both electricity and thermal applications.
 - Health implications of wood biomass and the [Buonocore study](#)
 - Listening Session with residents from around McNeil Power Plant
- 8:45 AM CPG Permit Conditions and Role of VFWD in Review of Chip Harvests, *John Austin, Lands and Habitat Program Manager, and Tim Appleton, Wildlife Biologist, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and Tyler Mousley, Forester, Ryegate*
- Presentation and Discussion
- 9:45 AM Public Comment

10:00 AM Process for Drafting Recommendations and Timeline

- Finalize Meeting Schedule
- October 17 Climate Council Meeting

10:15 AM Adjourn