

**Biomass Task Group**  
**August 24, 2022**  
**Agenda**

- 8:30 AM      Introductions and Reminder of Protocol of the Group and Approval of Minutes  
From [8/10/22 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      Biomass Listening Session Considerations
- Update on Next Steps and Timing
- 8:50 AM      Additional Comments and Considerations for Upcoming Meetings
- 9/14 (Confirmed) - 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.
- What else are we missing?
- 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](#)
  - Burlington Ethos study? Contact?
- 9:00 AM      Forest Landowner Perspectives and Goals  
Lisa Sausville, Vermont Coverts
- 9:30 AM      Sustaining Vermont Forests into the Future  
Tony D'Amato, University of Vermont

10:20 AM Public Comment

10:15 AM Adjourn