

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

- 8:30 AM      Introductions and Reminder of Protocol of the Group and Approval of Minutes  
From [8/10/22 Meeting](#)  
  
Minutes were approved.
- 8:35 AM      Re-scheduling Today's Presenters  
  
The presentations from VT Coverts and UVM will be rescheduled for September 7.
- 8:45 AM      Biomass Listening Session Considerations  
  
Members of the biomass task group met with Consensus Building Institute staff and members of the public engagement task group to discuss how best to hear from impacted residents of the old north end. The group discussed that holding a one-off listening session focused on the continued operation of McNeil would not be the best use of time but rather an approach that focused on long-term engagement with the old north end was needed. In addition, this engagement would be focus on climate change impacts broadly rather than just the continued operation of McNeil. The group discussed preparing a survey to be delivered in person and then holding a meeting at the Boys and Girls Club to discuss the results as a starting point. This would be a commitment to long-term conversations focused in and around the old north end around climate impacts. Ongoing conversations with the public engagement task group are ensuing to formulate a plan and budget needs.
- 9:00 AM      Additional Comments and Considerations for Upcoming Meetings  
  
Meetings were added for September 7 and September 21 to facilitate additional speakers joining.
- 9:15 AM      Revisiting Process for Drafting Recommendations  
  
A small group is meeting to consider where consensus can be reached on the scope and where the group will recommend continuing work beyond the fall. These suite of recommendations and next steps will then be shared with the Council at the meeting in October.
- 9:30 AM      Public Comment was received by Cheryl Joy Lipton and Annette Smith.

- Need to ensure all discussions around drafting are public

9:45 AM      Adjourn