

Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting
August 19, 2024, 8:30am – 10:00am
Minutes

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- 8:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of [minutes](#).
David Plumb, CBI
- Steering Committee approved the minutes with the following changes
 - Fix the typo in the title – currently labeled as agenda.
 - Make clear that the only decision-maker is the Council. All other bodies make recommendations
 - Use the phrase Task Group, not work group
- 8:35 AM Update from Subcommittees
Subcommittee co-chairs
- Each subcommittee provided a brief update about where they are in the process, what’s working well, and areas where they need more support or guidance over the coming months.
- 9:00 AM [Proposed Guidance](#), [Working Templates](#), and [Cross-cutting Pathways Proposal](#)
Jane Lazorchak and Liz Amler, Climate Action Office
- Steering committee confirmed the approach and timeline for drafting recommendations for Rural Resilience and Adaptation, Cross Sector Mitigation, and Agriculture and Ecosystems.
 - Science and Data requested that it also have a stakeholder engagement process in October, along with other subcommittees.
 - The Steering Committee didn’t have time to review the Cross-cutting pathways proposal.
- 9:30 AM Council membership gaps and confirming a [Governance Document](#) update
David Plumb, CBI and Jane Lazorchak, Climate Action Office
- The Steering Committee postponed confirming the Governance Document change until its next meeting, as the updated document was not part of the meeting packet.

9:40 AM Initial planning for September Council meeting
David Plumb, CBI

- The Steering Committee supported the initial outline
 - In addition, add time for final decision on the updated Cost of Greenhouse Gases recommendation.
 - Subcommittee members asked if some subcommittees might be ready to present some initial recommendations by Sept 23.

9:55 AM Public comment

- Three members of the public commented: Annette Smith, Ken Jones, and Matthew LeFluer. Comments included:
 - Will the updated plan include mention of things that got excluded?
 - Please update the webpage listing of climate council members
 - Progress since the last plan should be the connection between actions and outcomes. Vermont should do more analytic work on this. Based on this analysis, establish some priorities to inform the decision on the plan.

10:00 AM Adjourn

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