

## Agriculture & Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council November 19, 2021 Meeting

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- Date/Time: November 19, 2021 9:00 AM
- Location: Meeting was hosted virtually on Zoom with a physical location at the ANR offices in Montpelier. Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).
- Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Alissa White, Ryan Patch, John Roberts, Charlie Hancock, Judy Dow, David Mears, Lauren Oates
- State Staff Members Present: Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz, Judson Peck, Ali Kosiba, Bob Popp, Marli Rupe, Pat Field (CBI)
- 9:05 AM Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [11/12/21 Minutes](#)
- Agenda not yet posted due to technical difficulties but reviewed in the chat. Agenda and minutes were approved.
- 9:08 AM Update on VCC and Final Review – Jane Lazorchak
- All existing edit requests from Council have already been communicated to Subcommittee. Compilation of documents will occur Tuesday and VCC will review/compare across language of different Subcommittees at the Tuesday 11/23 meeting (1:30-4:30pm). VCC will make final consensus-based decisions on anything to change or remove.
  - Jane recommends that Subcommittee members attend these upcoming VCC meetings if they are able, to advocate for the language or recommendations the Subcommittee has raised up.
- 9:15 AM Next Steps
- 11/26 meeting will not be held. Subcommittee will meet December 17 from 10am-12pm to chart their future course.
  - Subcommittee submitted recommendation that the Subcommittee continues but that members will have more flexibility in their engagement as this work moves forward.
  - Subcommittee discussed process for sharing dissenting opinions from the Subcommittee moving forward. December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be tentatively put on the calendar to revisit Matrix items that did not get included.
- 10:00 AM Public Comment #1
- Public comment received from Cheryl Joy Lipton and Zack Porter
- 10:05 AM Items for Discussion
- Subcommittee discussed letter received on biomass recommendation from Burlington Electric and discussed the broader implications on Vermonters of conversion away from biomass energy.
  - Subcommittee reflected that they have not had enough time or ability to engage in scientific discourse around many of the issues such as biomass, and the hope that this be captured in recommendations/future work.

- 10:30 AM Public Comment #2
- Public comment received from Annette Smith.
- 10:32 AM Recap and Next Steps
- 10:35 PM Meeting Adjourned

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