

Vermont Climate Council Nov. 23, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Physical Location to Attend in Person: Agency of Natural Resources, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 in Davis 2, Catamount NLD215 Room

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A note on the Council's methodology for this meeting

- During its Nov. 23 and Nov. 29 meetings, the council will implement its agreed decision-making [protocol](#) with a more structured process, with the goal of arriving at Dec. 1 with near unanimous approval of the Initial Climate Action Plan
- The Council will review each section of the Initial Climate Action Plan during the Nov. 23 and Nov. 29 meetings and confirm whether any Councilors have remaining concerns in that section. The Council will use the following methodology to identify and address those concerns.
 1. Straw poll: We ask every Council member to answer in the poll tracking Google sheet: 1) I support this section or I can live with it as written, or 2) I cannot support its inclusion in the CAP.
 2. If needed, test a quick fix: If one or more Councilors select Option 2, they briefly describe their specific concern. Once all concerns are listed, we offer the possibility to councilors to test in a new straw poll a change to the specific issue – either a concrete change in language or tabling the issue for Council consideration after Dec. 1 (“parking” the issue and removing it from this version of the CAP). The new poll will ask, with this change, now how do I feel about this section? The same options - 1 or 2 - are offered.
 - If there is new proposed language, it is written on screen before the new poll
 - If the new poll achieves greater consensus than the initial poll, the Council takes on the new language. Any councilors who strongly object to the change are invited to 1) express their concerns in the meeting minutes and/or 2) write a short dissenting view on this issue by Dec. 1 for inclusion in an appendix.
 - If the new poll does worse than the previous one, the Council sticks with the original language and any councilor who strongly objects to it is invited to 1) express their concerns in the meeting minutes and/or 2) write a short dissenting view on this issue by Dec 1 for inclusion in an appendix.
 - If a councilor feels that the resulting language may cause them to withdraw support for the entire Initial CAP, even if given the opportunity to write a dissenting view on this issue, the councilor

should express that view.

- We repeat this process on any additional concerns that emerged from the original poll
3. To be sure, this process does not substitute the Dec. 1 decision whether to adopt the full Initial CAP. It simply sets the Council up for greater success, with clarity around situations in which Councilors may need to write a dissenting view on a specific issue.
 4. The Council should seek near unanimous support for the CAP, and at a minimum majority support as required in the GWSA.

1:20 PM Climate Council Members and Subcommittee Co-Chairs Join via Attendee Link

1:30 PM Convene/Welcome/Overview and Approval of Agenda
Kristin Clouser, Agency of Administration & David Plumb, Consensus Building Institute

1:35 PM Review and Approval of [Nov. 16](#) and [Nov. 17, 2021](#) minutes
David Plumb, CBI

1:40 PM Just Transition Reflection
Jon Copans, VT Council on Rural Development

1:55 PM Update on TCI-P action in Transportation Sector
Richard Cowart and Peter Walke, Cross-Sector Mitigation Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Discussion of impact of Massachusetts and Connecticut pulling out of TCI-P and proposed revisions to Transportation Sector of CAP.

2:10 PM Feedback on additional sections of the Initial CAP
David Plumb, CBI

- Create a consolidated set of notes on any feedback on the following sections:
 - Letter from the Climate Council
 - Outline of the Executive Summary
 - Carbon Budget
 - Implementing Vermont's Climate Action Plan
 - Connect with the Council
 - Definitions and Acronyms

2:25 PM Decision-making conversation: Building Resilience and Adaptation in Communities and the Built Environment
David Plumb, CBI

- Applying our decision-making protocol

2:55 PM Decision-making conversation: Adaptation and Building Resilience in Natural and Working Lands
David Plumb, CBI

- Applying our decision-making protocol

3:25 PM BREAK

3:35 PM Decision-making conversation: Mitigation in Agriculture
David Plumb, CBI

- Applying our decision-making protocol

4:05 PM Decision-making conversation: Sequestration and Storing Carbon
David Plumb, CBI

- Applying our decision-making protocol

4:50 PM Public comment

5:00 PM Next Steps and adjourn

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