

## Just Transitions Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council Thursday 9/15/22, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Meeting Minutes

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Location: Meeting was recorded [posted online](#)  
Subcommittee Members Present: Anna Guenther, Kashka Orlow, Danielle Bombardier, Sue Minter, Indra Acharya, Sarah Phillips, Chase Whiting, Kelly Klein, Jenna Hirschmann, Mona Tolba  
Staff Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, David Plumb, Claire McIlvennie  
Minutes by: Anna Guenther

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### 4:09pm Review and acceptance of agenda and minutes from 8/18/22

### 4:14pm Budget Discussion

- Budget workgroup created a budget proposal for FY24, and Abbey W. presented that to the Climate Council on Monday. Sue Minter reviewed [JT FY24 draft budget proposal](#)
- Discussion of the process by which this budget recommendation will be incorporated into eventual climate council budget recommendations - Including that this is an aspirational budget, that other subcommittee's budgets may intentionally reference each other, and what outreach overlap opportunities there is among subcommittees proposals. Documents shared in chat: [Climate Action Office, Budget Overview](#) and [ANR Admin Capacity Memo](#)

### 4:30 PM Budget Prioritization and Categorization Discussion

- Clarifying the process: this subcommittee provides advice to the council, who provides advice to administration and congress. Implementation of the budget happens through the climate office.
- Council is asking for subcommittees to put their budgets into certain 'buckets'/categories of work, and to prioritize budget items. Climate Council is asking how we can provide relative priorities among all these ideas. They're all important, and the relative importance helps the council and legislature make decisions. Council also requested we categorize budget items as (1) Public engagement and outreach, (2) Analyses with respect to individual elements of the CAP, (3) General organizing support, or (4) Implementation
- Everyone present at meeting invited to rank budget items by prioritization: Direct Engagement, Compensation, Training for Guiding Principles, and Action Opportunities rose to the top 4
- Community engagement, translation, and compensation are separated in our first budget draft, but inextricably linked pieces of work. Instead of sending a simple ranking, discuss a narrative of how and why the prioritization. Or consider a tiered approach

### 5:15 PM Task Group and Other Updates

- Update and discussion about Transportation Forums’ public engagement events, and intentionally incorporating and soliciting authentic and inclusive input; compensation for community members has been a missing key element that will be included in future contracts
- Report on Toolkit Task Group; Developing materials that speaks at a basic level to what actions municipalities can take across the board. Looking at how to categorize resources at an accessible and understandable level.
- Public Service Department Request for Input Update; Comprehensive review of state’s renewable policies. Received about 100 responses around three areas of questions for public: (1) What should the process look like? (2) What factors should we weight as making decisions? (3) What are key issues where Vermont is doing well and where Vermont is experiencing challenges.
- Biomass Task Group has extended the amount of time for input from professionals and experts; Task Group to consider meeting past October to bring in community engagement which has not yet been solicited or included

#### **5:45 PM Request for Public Comment**

- No Public Comments
- Kashka Orlow shared the public comment that Annette Smith made at the Climate Council Meeting on Monday, an individual who used to attend JT meetings, and was “appalled” by her treatment by the JT committee and public outreach. Kashka is seeking to repair the relationship, follow up and report back to committee.

#### **5:50 PM How to Proceed with Committee Membership Changes and other next steps**

- Discussion: does the committee want to make changes to the current roster? Do we want to seek a youth representative? See how it goes in the next couple months and revisit discussion.
- Next steps are to return a Revised Budget to the Climate Council by October 7
- Next Meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Committee may try to gather in person for it, but should include a hybrid option.