
**Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)
Agriculture/Soils Working Group
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date:6/29/2020

Meeting Time:3 PM

Meeting Location: Remote
Location

ATTENDANCE

Working Group Member	Title	Organization	Present
Bryan Hurlburt (Chair)	Connecticut Department of Agriculture		Yes
Dina Brewster	CT NOFA		Yes
Indrajeet Chaubey	University of Connecticut		
Amanda Fargo-Johnson	CT Resource Conservation and Development		Yes
Amanda Freund	Freunds Family Farm		Yes
Chelsea Gazillo	Working Lands Alliance		Yes
Kip Kolesinska			Yes
Linda Kowalski	The Kowalski Group		Yes
Abigail Maynard	Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station		
Thomas Morgart	USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service		Yes
Joan Nichols	Connecticut Farm Bureau		Yes
Charlotte Ross	Sweet Acre Farm		
Lilian Ruiz	CT Council on Soil and Water Conservation		Yes
Denise Savageau	CT Council on Soil and Water Conservation		Yes

Associated Staff	Title	Organization	Present
Kayleigh Royston		DOAG	Yes
Holly Lalime		DEEP	Yes
Rick Jacobson		DEEP	
Members of the Public			
Gerald Palano			
Joe Geremia			
Domingo Medina			

James Hyde			
Latha Swamy			
Bonnie Burr			

AGENDA & NOTES

Welcome and Announcements

Commissioner Hurlburt welcomed the working group and thanked them for their work on continuing to keep the committee moving forward. He then thanked our presenters for today; Gerry Palano of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, and Alex DePillis of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets; as well as our farmer panelists, Domingo Medina and Joe Geremia.

Commissioner Hurlburt then discussed the status of our working group report. Members of the committee have been identified to take lead on compiling sections of the report and will be reporting back to the working group at the meeting on July 8, 2020.

If you have not received a copy of the draft outline, please contact Kayleigh.Royston@ct.gov

Agenda Item(s)

Energy and Innovation Practices Presentations

Gerry Palano- Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources – Massachusetts Climate Smart Agriculture Program (MCSAP) and Agricultural Climate Resiliency and Efficiencies (ACRES) Program

- [Presentation Link](#)

Alex DePillis Presentation – Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – Opportunities for Anaerobic Digesters

- [Presentation Link](#)

Farmer Energy and Innovation Practices Panel

Domingo Medena – Peels and Wheels – Innovative way to sequester carbon and reduce organic waste going into a landfill

- [Presentation Link](#)

Joe Geremia – Four Season Farm– efficient indoor production models

Zoom meeting recording will be available on GC3 website.

NOTE: *Presentations are available as hyperlinks on this agenda.*