
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 |
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| 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 | | | |

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| 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 Medina – 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.*