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**Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**July 15, 2020  
8:30 am - 10:30 am  
Via Zoom**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>GC3 Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
Governor Ned Lamont	Governor	Office of the Governor	✓
Katie Dykes	Commissioner	Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)	✓
Heather Aaron	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Public Health	✓
Patrick Brown	Chief Technology Architect	The Hartford	✓
Claire Coleman	Undersecretary	Office of Policy & Management	✓
Lee Cruz	Director of Community Outreach	The COMMUNITY Foundation for Greater New Haven	✓
Matt Fulda	Executive Director	Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments	✓
Bryan Garcia	Chief Executive Officer & President	Connecticut Green Bank	✓
Josh Geballe	Commissioner	Department of Administrative Services	
Deb Geyer	VP Environmental Health & Safety and Corporate Sustainability	Stanley Black and Decker	✓
Marissa Gillett	Chairperson	Public Utilities Regulatory Authority	✓
Kevin Grigg	President & CEO	Fuss & O'Neill	✓
John Humphries	Executive Director	CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs	✓
Bryan Hurlburt	Commissioner	Department of Agriculture	✓
Curt Johnson	Executive Director	Connecticut Fund for the Environment	✓
George Kral	Town Planner	Town of Guilford	
David Lehman	Commissioner	Department of Economic & Community Development	
Alexandra Daum	Deputy Commissioner/ Commissioner's designee	Department of Economic & Community Development	✓
Andrew Mais	Commissioner	Department of Insurance	✓

Garrett Eucalitto	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Transportation	✓
Seila Mosquera-Bruno	Commissioner	Department of Housing	✓
Shanté Hanks	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Housing	✓
James O'Donnell	Executive Director	UConn, Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation	✓
Frogard Ryan	Executive Director	The Nature Conservancy	✓
James Rovella	Commissioner	Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	
Brenda Watson	Executive Director	Operation Fuel	✓

**Designees and/or GC3 Administrative Liaisons**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
Betsey Wingfield	Deputy Commissioner	DEEP	✓
George Bradner	Commissioner's Designee/Property and Casualty Director	Insurance Department	✓
Lori Mathieu	Commissioner's Designee/ Public Health Branch Chief	Department of Public Health (DPH)	✓
Laura Hayes	GC3 Liaison/Epidemiologist	DPH	✓
Brenda Bergeron	Commissioner's Designee/Planning Manager	Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	✓
Robert Bell	Commissioner's Designee/ Transportation Planning Director	Department of Transportation (DOT)	✓
Michele Helou	Commissioner's Designee/Architect	Department of Housing (DOH)	✓
Rebecca French	GC3 Liaison/Director of Climate Planning	DEEP	✓

James Albis	GC3 Liaison /Senior Advisor to Commissioner Katie Dykes	DEEP	✓
Tracy Babbidge	GC3 Liaison/Chief, Bureau Air Management	DEEP	✓
Rick Jacobson	GC3 Liaison /Chief, Bureau of Natural Resources	DEEP	✓
Brian Thompson	GC3 Liaison /Director, Land and Water Resources	DEEP	✓
Susan Peterson	GC3 Liaison/Watershed Coordinator	DEEP	✓
Edith Pestana	GC3 Liaison/Environmental Justice Program Coordinator	DEEP	✓
Chris Donnelly	GC3 Liaison /Urban Forestry Coordinator	DEEP	✓
Mary-beth Hart	GC3 Liaison /Senior Environmental Planner	DEEP	✓
Chris Martin	GC3 Liaison /Director, Forestry Division	DEEP	✓
David Blatt	GC3 Liaison /Land and Water Resources Division	DEEP	✓
Brian Basso	GC3 Intern	DEEP	✓
Dino Pascua	GC3 Liaison /Test Bed Program Director	DEEP	✓
Holly Lalime	GC3 Liaison /Office of Constituent Affairs/Land Management	DEEP	✓
Jeff Howard	GC3 Liaison /Office of Climate Change	DEEP	✓
Kayleigh Royston	GC3 Liaison /Legislative Liaison	CT Department of Agriculture	✓
Nicole Lugli	GC3 Liaison /Director, Office of Planning and Program Development	DEEP	✓
Pete Aarrestad	GC3 Liaison /Director, Inland Fisheries Division	DEEP	✓

Michael Malmrose	GC3 Liaison /Bureau of Energy Technology and Policy	DEEP	✓
Michael Li	GC3 Liaison /Chief, Bureau of Energy Technology and Policy	DEEP	✓
For list of additional attendees, please see Appendix A GC3 Work Group Members			

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Facilitated by Commissioner Dykes, DEEP*

DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes opened the meeting at 8:31 am.

Commissioner Dykes welcomed members of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3), GC3 working group members supporting the work of the GC3, and members of the public in attendance. Commissioner Dykes remarked that the last time the GC3 convened was an in-person meeting in the Gina McCarthy auditorium at DEEP just before the COVID-19 pandemic, and expressed appreciation that online forums allow the GC3 to continue to gather and connect.

The Commissioner introduced the agenda for the meeting:

- Dr. Mark Mitchell will speak about Climate Change, COVID, and Systemic Racism in Connecticut:
  - the climate justice movement has long highlighted the importance of Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) as a centerpiece of our approach to address climate change
  - many communities locally and globally that experience disproportionate impacts from climate change are communities of color, low income and economically challenged communities
  - it is important for the GC3 to build on the good practices of engagement through Environmental Justice to evaluate these impacts and collaboratively design and develop strategies to address the climate crisis
- Presentations and updates from the GC3 Working Groups (WGs):
  - the Commissioner praised the array of volunteers, experts, community members, scientists, agency staff, and nonprofit advocates participating and informing the work of the GC3; when the structure of these WGs was first designed, the high level of response received was not anticipated
  - the WGs have undertaken a tremendous amount of work to address the various aspects of Connecticut's climate response, which speaks to the urgency to address the climate crisis and the level of support and engagement across the state, including all sectors and parts of society, to be part of the conversation
  - the Commissioner also acknowledged that the WGs have continued their work during the pandemic, even as many participants and members of the public have been impacted by the emergency response efforts and addressing economic and health impacts, and she praised and expressed gratitude for the level of engagement and participation in meetings in spite of the burdens and challenges presented by COVID-19
  - Commissioner Dykes also acknowledged that the pandemic, in some ways, mirrors the crisis of climate change, and stressed the importance of listening to scientists and making wise choices about science-based policies that will have sweeping changes for our economy but without which we won't have a thriving and sustainable economy into the future
- Overview of GC3 Process:
  - The Commissioner remarked that while there has been significant public engagement during the pandemic, the shift to working remotely and online meetings has presented challenges to the engagement and community outreach initially envisioned, especially regarding EEJ

- Since in-person outreach and engagement have been interrupted due to the pandemic, the GC3 timeline and deliverables have been slightly reworked and realigned to ensure that we have actionable items for Governor Lamont in January 2021 and also meet the milestones for December of 2021 as required by Executive Order 3
- This overview will ensure that the GC3 and all WGs have a clear sense of how we'll proceed over next 6 months
- Commissioner Dykes also expressed excitement that the presentation will be given by Dr. Rebecca French who recently joined DEEP as the Director of the Office of Climate Planning; the office, located in the Commissioner's office at DEEP, reflects how DEEP is realigning agency staffing, in parallel to the work of GC3, with a centralized office to support our climate response
- Remarks from Governor Ned Lamont
  - The Commissioner indicated that Governor Lamont will join the meeting to share closing remarks
  - The governor is excited about the work the GC3 is conducting and is particularly excited about the GC3 focus on EEJ which is extremely important to him

### **Climate Change, Covid-19, and Systemic Racism in Connecticut: Multi-solving for 3 Epidemics**

*Mark Mitchell, M.D.*

Associate Professor of Climate Change, Energy, and Environmental Health Equity at George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communications; state liaison for the Medical Society Consortium on Climate Health; co-chair, National Medical Association's Commission on Environmental Health; preventative medicine physician trained in environmental health/policy; spent over 20 years in public health sector including former Director of the City of Hartford Health Department; founder and senior policy advisor to Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice; spent 15 years working with EEJ communities to prevent and reduce environmentally related disease and change policies detrimental to community health

Dr. Mitchell's slides are posted on the GC3 Working Groups webpage

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Subcommittee-and--working-groups>. Additional comments from his presentation include:

- Dr. Mitchell thanked the Commissioner and the Governor for engaging EEJ in the GC3 process; he stated that this is the first time EEJ organizations and individuals have been involved in climate change planning for the state
- Dr. Mitchell remarked that he sees the role of EEJ as twofold (1) to provide resources to the GC3 on how to include community planning and the community voice in the adaptation and mitigation planning process, and (2) to provide tools and try to enhance the ability of community groups and EEJ organizations to participate in the process and try to get the GC3 to provide the necessary resources for that to occur
- Systemic racism: Policies that involve multiple institutional disciplines that have disproportionate racial effects
  - African American and Latino men are incarcerated at disproportionately higher rates
  - Home ownership, the leading path to securing wealth in the United States, has historically been blocked by redlining, loan denials; if you block access to homeownership, you block the number one way Americans acquire wealth
  - African American men, on average, make less than white women who, on average, make significantly less than white men

- Higher interest rates for African Americans with the same financial qualifications
- Lower education test scores for African Americans and Latinos, quality of schools, overcrowding, lower graduation rates
- Public transportation usage is disproportionately greater for African Americans and Latinos in Connecticut
- These work together to disadvantage people of color of all income levels and low income people of all races
- Environmental racism: systemic racism; the greatest predictor of where environmental hazards are placed in Connecticut is the percentage of people of color in that area
  - Study in the 1990s by DEP showed 9 out of 10 environmental hazards were disproportionately placed in communities of color; University of Hartford study showed waste facilities in Connecticut were systematically placed in communities of color; these examples occur not only in Connecticut but throughout the United States and globally
  - People who experience racism, as well as low income people, have more psychological stress and will react to lower levels of toxics than 20-something year old white male where standards are set for toxicants
- Climate justice:
  - Environmental Justice organizations are community-based organizations led by people of color, low income people, those otherwise most impacted by environmental justice; they are democratically based organizations where the leaders are elected from those most impacted
- Health Disparities and Environment:
  - These health effects, like we've seen with COVID-19, disproportionately affect people of color
  - They are not genetic; West Indian/Caribbean immigrant health drops to that of African Americans after one generation
- Common Environmental Justice Issues
  - Dr. Mitchell's slides list the types of facilities located disproportionately in communities of color
  - All are cumulative; they all add up and contribute to higher rates of disease in communities of color
- COVID-19
  - The disease spares no one but it does have preferences for older people, people with pre-existing illnesses, and it is also a manifestation of systemic racism; being Black or Latino is also a risk for COVID-19
  - COVID is exacerbated by exposure to air pollution; a low level of particulate matter increases COVID-19 infection rates by 15%
  - In order to address COVID-19 we need to stimulate the economy while also taking precautions in transportation and education
  - We can also keep in mind the issues of systemic racism and the issues of climate change and try to solve for all three at the same time
- Air pollution in Connecticut
  - Map of CT, blue shading indicates percentage of people of color, the yellow dots represent air pollution sources as reported to the EPA
  - Older slides of non-traffic air pollution in Hartford (more than 2000 tons), New Haven (more than 3000 tons) and Bridgeport (more than 8000 tons) show historic pollution rates, which have improved since then but represent disproportionate impacts in these communities



- Hurricane Katrina Pop Quiz
  - What is the first thing you think of when you think of Hurricane Katrina
  - Most people think of the Katrina response as a failure; having one-half of a percent people die is not acceptable
  - Involving the community and the most vulnerable in planning would have resulted in a more successful response
- Recommendations
  - Programs should contain easy to understand income eligibility criteria; if someone receives food assistance they should also be automatically eligible for energy assistance and qualify for energy efficiency programs
  - Mitigation funding should not go primarily, if at all, to wealthy households; currently a disproportionate share of clean energy funding goes to those who can afford it
  - Let's plan to come out of the Coronavirus pandemic to a more prepared, more just, and a more equitable world

Rebecca French noted that Dr. Mitchell is the chair of the GC3 EEJ Adaptation sub-group helping to review all adaptation recommendations, and expressed gratitude for his expertise which will help to produce the best information possible.

Dr. Mitchell noted that the EEJ WG will be holding a series of webinars to help educate GC3 members and the public in more detail about how EEJ communities are impacted by climate and what more can be done to provide resources. They are also putting together vulnerability maps to help planning on the state and local levels as well as for the GC3 process.

### **GC3 Working Group Updates**

*Facilitated by Working Group Co-Chairs*

- Equity and Environmental Justice; Lee Cruz
- Science and Technology; James O'Donnell and Susan Masino
- Progress on Mitigation Strategies; John Humphries
- Working and Natural Lands; Eric Hammerling
- Public Health and Safety; Laura Hayes
- Infrastructure and Land Use Adaptation; Matt Fulda
- Financing Adaptation; Bryan Garcia

GC3 working groups (WGs) provided their progress to date. Slides can be found on the GC3 Working Group webpage <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Subcommittee-and--working-groups>.

Rebecca French indicated that there are seven WGs, some with various sub-groups, and that the presentations will be roughly 3-4 minutes each. The presentations will give the Council an idea of what's been happening across the WGs and a preview of what they will receive; she stressed that these are preliminary and that multiple reviews and public comments will be incorporated before anything is finalized

Rebecca French presented some WG statistics as shown on the slide which can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Subcommittee-and--working-groups>

Additional comments from the presentations include:

- EEJ/Lee Cruz
  - Mr. Cruz thanked Dr. Mitchell for his presentation
  - He mentioned a recent release of 2.1 million gallons of raw sewage in the Mill River in New Haven; people in Fair Haven were still fishing from the river because the city doesn't have the resources to warn residents, but the residents still need to fish to feed their families
  - The EEJ WG has established public participation and mapping sub-groups
  - The EEJ mapping subgroup is working on a map of Connecticut similar to the California map shown on the slide to create a visual representation of findings to help vulnerable communities to engage more deeply
  - The Public Participation subgroup has developed draft guidance that is available on the webpage <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Subcommittee-and-working-groups> for review and comment
  - Mr. Cruz reiterated Dr. Mitchell's comments about the upcoming webinars
  - EEJ WG Co-chair Marianne Engelman-Lado also indicated that there will likely be a draft recommendation to the GC3 that Connecticut support and move forward with a statewide mapping tool to inform planning and implementation of the climate action plan with an equity lens
- Science and Technology/James O'Donnell and Susan Masino
  - James O'Donnell remarked that there is high confidence in what is projected to occur up to 2050, irrespective of CO2 emissions, but after 2050 the scientific uncertainty increases and will depend on mitigation actions and which CO2 emissions track is taken; he suggested that it is important to pay attention to how science and data evolve over the next five to ten years so we can refine projections
  - Dr. O'Donnell's slide is an excerpt of documents being developed by a UConn grad student in collaboration with Dr. O'Donnell and Dr. Anji Seth; the intent is to distribute these pamphlets more broadly
  - Dr. O'Donnell stressed the IPCC 2014 report excerpt at the bottom of the slide, and remarked that there is clear demographic evidence about distributions of marginalized populations in Connecticut but there isn't high enough resolution of observations of meteorological variables that people experience to correlate climate change effects with health and other negative impacts, and therefore we need to track and measure what climate change is going to do to these groups which will likely be a recommendation to the Council
  - Susan Masino remarked that the Science and Technology WG is not just addressing the expected physical changes but also trying to address local, community, and health impacts
  - The WG is also taking a broad look at science and have developed some guiding principles for the WG to determine what is essential in order for Connecticut to have a high quality of life and resilient communities
  - Dr. Masino noted the importance of identifying actions that will have benefits now and in the future, which is one of the principles of the multi-solving approach that was also touched on by Dr. Mitchell in his presentation
  - Dr. Masino also noted that many speakers who have presented to the Science and Technology WG have remarked at how visionary the GC3 process and its interdisciplinary approach is, they see the approach as a leader in addressing climate

- change; she also remarked that Connecticut's track record with COVID-19 will show the importance and success of aligning with science and data and facts
- Dr. Masino also indicated that while it isn't presented on the slide, she wanted to stress the critical importance of soil health for multiple reasons
  - Finally, Dr. Masino remarked that she tries to deliver a positive message, and that Connecticut is a wonderful state with great assets, and that if we engage in a thoughtful and honest GC3 process of looking at what we have and where we need to go, it's an exciting time for Connecticut
  - Progress on Mitigation Strategies/John Humphries
    - The WG's five sector teams were defined by the sections contained in the 2018 GC3 report
    - Cross-sector: State needs to attribute appropriate "cost value" to GHG emissions
    - Non-energy sector: State needs to reduce "passive" GHG emissions, such as fugitive methane
    - Transportation sector: Progress on efforts to electrify has been slow, and achieving the state's current commitment for light duty and passenger fleet by 2025 will be difficult, but progress has been made in transit and school buses
    - Buildings sector: Use of ratepayer funds to balance state budget cripples energy-efficiency programs
    - Electricity sector: State needs to extend existing programs supporting grid-scale generation (e.g., offshore wind)
  - Public Health and Safety
    - Lori Matthieu spoke on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Aaron who experienced audio technical difficulties; she would like to thank the over 40 members of the Public Health and Safety WG who represent an extraordinary group of subject matter experts and have volunteered their time participating on seven sector teams
    - Dr. Laura Bozzi, Director of Programs at the Yale Center of Climate Change and Health and a member of the Public Health and Safety WG, indicated that she has been coordinating the Center's work on temperature and extreme heat, and noted that the Center is near completion of an indicator-based report on climate change and health in Connecticut using data from around the state on indicators like heat-related emergency department visits, and the Center provided an early copy to the Public Health and Safety WG to inform their chapter of the report, and she looks forward to providing the report to the GC3 once it is finalized
    - Laura Hayes indicated that the WG was recently identified as a separate WG, initially a part of the Adaptation Planning and Implementation WG
    - The model being used by the WG for identifying key components is an adaptive management framework provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for states to address negative health impacts
    - The seven subtopic teams are based on the health impact domains contained in the 2016 report on the health impacts of climate change in the United States
    - Each subtopic team has been asked to develop a statement of climate change impacts on public health and safety in Connecticut, identify vulnerable populations within those subtopic areas, and then develop recommendations to address the climate change impacts on those vulnerable populations
  - Financing Adaptation and Resilience/Bryan Garcia
    - The WG is trying to identify and understand existing funding mechanisms as they apply to the adaptation sectors mentioned earlier: infrastructure and land use, working and natural lands, and public health and safety

- Curt Johnson is leading the effort to identify new, emerging, and expanded existing sources of funding for resilience and adaptation
- The WG is working with the EEJ WG to develop an equity lens to apply to funding mechanisms to identify gaps and maximize opportunities to mobilize investment for vulnerable communities

### **Remarks by Governor Lamont and DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes**

Commissioner Dykes thanked the WG chairs who gave progress updates as well as the WG members who have supported that progress, and remarked that she is confident the WGs will develop actionable and effective strategies because of the inclusive process and the breadth of expertise involved.

The Commissioner expressed her gratitude to Governor Lamont for prioritizing the climate crisis and continuing to make climate progress, and gave a recent example of the Governor's climate leadership in having Connecticut join 13 states and the District of Columbia in signing an MOA to work collaboratively to advance and accelerate the market for electric medium and heavy duty vehicles, with an interim target of 30% vehicle sales being electric by 2030 and 100% sales by 2050, which will address air pollution and reduce emissions which disproportionately affects vulnerable communities,

The Commissioner then introduced Governor Ned Lamont and indicated that the GC3 is on track to deliver him recommendations in January 2021 and will provide another comprehensive report by December of 2021, and expressed thanks for the Governor joining the meeting,

The Governor joked that when he heard a discussion of bond ratings, he thought he might be in the wrong meeting, but indicated that it's a reminder that we must take climate change seriously now, because bonds and mortgages are 20-30 year instruments, but they impact us today. It's one of the reasons the Governor can approach the business community and stress that what we're doing today is important for the state's long-term viability overall.

The Governor remarked that COVID-19 has impacted Black and Brown communities in Connecticut disproportionately, and that he and Commissioner Dykes will announce that the trash-to-energy plant in Hartford is being replaced, in part due to environmental impacts on that community reflected in health care disparities. He also noted that there are several related reasons to focus on the environment.

Governor Lamont also reflected on his strong collaborative relationship with other governors in the region, and how that strong relationship helped with addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, he has worked with other governors in the region on transportation, and recently made Connecticut's biggest commitment ever to wind power, working collaboratively with New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts to make the costs very competitive, and wind-related efforts underway in New London and Bridgeport are on track, on time, and on budget.

The Governor also acknowledged that current efforts might take 5 years before they make a big difference, but people know that Connecticut is doing the right thing now, and it impacts how people perceive the state.

Governor Lamont noted that a lesson learned from the COVID-19 epidemic that Washington, D.C. has not learned, is that we must listen to the scientists and health care professionals to lend credibility. While the administration in Washington is limiting Dr. Fauci and putting political pressure on the CDC, Governor Lamont has engaged Connecticut's top epidemiologist Dr. Carter and former head of the FDA Dr. Scott Gottlieb to explain to state residents what approach is being taken

and why it's complicated, but why it's the right thing to do and why we're heading in the right direction. Governor Lamont remarked that it is the same approach with the environment, you cannot deny the science to address climate change, and likewise we need to explain to residents what we're doing and why it's the right thing to.

The Governor also remarked that the COVID-19 epidemic has him thinking about transportation, not only in replacing medium and heavy duty vehicles with electric vehicles, but also considering the reduction in traffic due to COVID and in eventually making people comfortable with taking public transportation again in a serious way.

Governor Lamont also reflected on how Connecticut is a small but densely populated state, which makes environmental protection all the more important, whether it is protecting green space, maintaining overall environmental health, or continuing to collaborate with New York and Massachusetts on issues of regional importance. The Governor wants Connecticut to continue to be a leader, a task made easier with Katie Dykes as Commissioner of DEEP. Because of conflicting messages coming from the administration in Washington, Connecticut must continue to lead by example in the state and in the region, especially as other states look to Connecticut for guidance.

In closing, Governor Lamont thanked the GC3 members for their service and complimented the breadth of expertise brought to the table, and encouraged them to continue to tell the people of Connecticut what we're doing to combat climate change and why we're doing it.

### **GC3 Process Presentation**

*Facilitated by Rebecca A. French, Ph.D., Director of Climate Change Planning, DEEP*

Presentation: GC3 Work Group and Council Deliverables and Timeline

Rebecca French noted that GC3 members would receive copies of the slides which also posted on the GC3 WG webpage <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/GC3/Subcommittee-and-working-groups>. Major points from the presentation include:

- The GC3 reporting process will continue through the end of 2021
- A Phase 1 interim report will be provided to Governor by January 15, 2021 as identified in Executive Order No. 3 (EO3)
- A Phase 2 final report with additional recommendations will be provided by December 31, 2021
- The Phase 1 report will include an evaluation of the progress toward the implementation of mitigation strategies in the 2018 GC3 report (Phase 1 Mitigation Update), and updated recommendations for adapting to and improving the state's resilience to the effects of climate change based on the best available science (Phase 1 Adaptation and Resilience Plan)
- The letters and numbers in the parentheticals in the slides refer back to the specific sections of EO3 for cross reference
- Phase 2 will include a robust public participation and engagement process that was initially intended for Phase 1 but derailed by COVID-19
- The working group for assessing the vulnerabilities of state assets and operations will be up and running in the next few months
- The two GC3 subcommittees for Mitigation and for Adaptation and Resiliency have not yet been populated
- Information developed by the WGs will flow back up to the full GC3 through these two

subcommittees; the subcommittees will be responsible for initial prioritization of recommendations that will then go up to the full council for their approval

- GC3 members now participating on either an adaptation or mitigation WG will likely be asked to serve on the corresponding subcommittee; those participating on WGs that report to both mitigation and adaptation (e.g., Working and Natural Lands) will choose their preferred subcommittee
- All GC3 members are asked to serve on at least one subcommittee, and assignments will occur over the next one to two months
- Many working groups have identified sub groups which all hold their own publicly noticed meetings, and then report their information back to their parent Working Group
- The WG reports will contain recommendations for the Council's review and potential adoption
- The WG reports will also be appended to the Council's report when it is submitted to the Governor; all WG products will be included
- Timeline: WG reports will be completed by the end of August and released for public comment in September/October, and the interim report will be completed in November/December when there will likely be multiple GC3 meetings; by January 2021 the finalized interim Phase 1 report will be ready for the governor
- All slides not presented are available on the GC3 WG webpage

### **Public comments**

*Facilitated by James Albis*

Margaret Miner: Thanked the Commissioner and asked if all public comments will be made available.

Rebecca French noted that the meeting chat will be made available when minutes are posted

Peter Millman: Commented that the meeting conversation has been great to observe, and wanted to note that one issue the climate change mitigation subcommittee hasn't spent time on, which he acknowledged was partly because he wasn't been able to present on it when asked, is community choice aggregation; he noted that the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) agreed to do study on community choice aggregation; he believes community choice aggregation will play a significant role in decreasing the cost of power and reducing greenhouse gas emissions while increasing the resiliency of the electric system, and will help decarbonize other parts of the economy besides the electric system; he will reach out to the co-chairs of the mitigation subcommittee to see if community choice aggregation will be included in their report

Mary Pelletier: Commented that there are many great suggestions, but suggested that it is important that this effort identify places where there can be pilot project areas throughout the state where multiple GC3 recommendations can be synthesized through urban design into a 21st century demonstration of what communities can look like. She doesn't want this to be merely a report containing recommendations scattered in a nonvisible way, she recommends a holistic effort for comprehensive designs in the state and suggested the north branch of the Park River in Hartford as one possible location. She reiterated the governor's mention of replacing the power plant in Hartford on the Connecticut River which is near that water treatment plant as an example of a place where a range of recommendations could be implemented, and she expressed her hope that the GC3 will plan for that.

Kip Kolesiskas, a member of the Agriculture and Soils subgroup and co-chair of the Working Land Alliance and on the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ): One of the Governor's comments that somewhat alarmed him was about public transportation and mass transit, because to be successful Connecticut needs transit oriented development and increased density in some areas, and walkable,

livable communities. He noted that development is on the rise, and Connecticut's location between Boston, Providence, and New York has increased development pressure right now. He also remarked that the Working and Natural Lands WGs have recognized that reducing the rate of land conversion is an important strategy for both mitigation and adaptation, which goes along with better land use planning and development, and he reiterated other comments regarding the role of municipalities and said it is critical to find "carrots and sticks" to encourage municipalities to improve efforts in land use planning as it relates to climate change and EEJ.

### **Adjourn**

Rebecca French concluded the meeting by thanking all participants, and noted she will reach out to all WGs through the DEEP liaisons to discuss details on specific deadlines. The meeting ended at 10:30 am.

Appendix A  
List of Other Meeting Attendees

Adam Lippencott*	Janey Bellamy	Nathan Frohling
Aicha Woods*	Jennifer Reilly	Nathan Karnes
Alex Rodriguez*	Jennine Lupo	Nicholas Elton
Alexis Meehan	Jillian Corley*	Nidia Martinez*
Alicea Charamut*	Joanna Wozniak-Brown*	Nicholas Zuba*
Amanda Fargo-Johnson	Joe Welsh	Nikki Jones*
Amber Garrard	Joel Rinebold	Patrice Gillespie*
Amy Paterson*	John Truscinski*	Paul Elconin
Amy McLean	Jon Slifka	Paul Hearn
Amy Paterson*	Jonathan Lee	Peter Hearn
Anji Seth*	Joseph Roy	Peter Millman
Anne Hulick*	Joseph Wraithwall	Peter Raymond*
Anthony Cherolis*	Julia Parry	Phil Huerter
Aziz Dehkan	Juliemar Ortiz	Pietro Andreotti*
Bernard Pelletier*	Kai Starn	Ralph Jones
Bill Finch*	Kate Brennan	Rick Love
Brendan Boepple	Kathy Fay	Rick Newton
Brennan Sheahan	Kelsey Sudol	Robert LaFrance*
Brian Toal*	Kimberly Bradley	Robert Maddox
Cary Lynch*	Kip Kolesinskas*	Robert Schmitt*
Catherine Diviney	Kirsten Rigney	Ryan Tetreault
Charles Rothenberger*	Laura Bozzi*	Sage Hardesty*
Chelsea Gazillo*	Lauren Bailey	Samantha Dynowski*
Connie Manes	Lawrence Rousseau	Sarah Hill
Connor Yakaitis	Leticia Colon*	Sena Wazer*
Craig Peters	Lilian Ruiz*	Shannon Kearney
Cristina Mullin	Linda Kowalski	Shannon King
Dan DeSimone	Lindsay Raymond	Stefanie Keohane
David Elder*	Lisa Hayden*	Stephanie Weiner
David Murphy*	Lori Brown	Steven Schrag
David Sutherland*	Lyle Wray	Steven Wallett*
Debby Reelitz	Margaret Miner	Stewart Chute
Denise Savageau*	Mariana Fragomeni*	Susan Hibbard
Derek Phelps	Marianne Engelman Lado*	Susan Masino*
Diane Hoffman	Mark Mitchell*	Susan Miller
Diane Mas*	Mark Scully	Tamara Muruetagoiena*
Doug Hausladen	Mary Pelletier	Tim Shea
Emily Alexander	Mary-Michelle Hirschhoff	Todd Berman*
Eric Hammerling*	Mathieu Aguilar	Tony Russell
Evan Dantos	Melissa Kops*	William Murtha
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