

---

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

---

**Meeting Date:**7/8/2020  
**Meeting Time:**1 PM  
**Meeting Location:** Remote  
Location

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Working Group Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
Bryan Hurlburt (Chair)	Connecticut Department of Agriculture		Yes
Dina Brewster	CT NOFA		Yes
Indrajeet Chaubey	University of Connecticut		Yes
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		Yes
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

<b>Associated Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
Kayleigh Royston		DOAG	Yes
Holly Lalime		DEEP	Yes
Rick Jacobson		DEEP	
<b>Members of the Public</b>			
Bonnie Burr			yes
Kim Stoner			yes
Latha Swarmy			yes

## AGENDA & NOTES

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Chair- Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner, CT Department of Agriculture

Commissioner Hurlburt welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked our members for their hard work on this working group. During this meeting, six of our working group members who have committed to addressing various facets of our report outline will be presenting and their findings will be reflected in our report to the Governors Council on Climate Change.

#### Agenda Working Group Report (5 min each) •

- [Farming/Land Use Practices- Kip Kolesinskas](#)
- [Soils- Lilian Ruiz - PPT](#)
  - [Soils Draft Outline Work](#)
- [Local/Sustainable Food Systems- Chelsea Gazillo](#)
- [Innovation and Technology- Bonnie Burr](#)
- [Energy- Amanda Fargo-Johnson](#)
- [Land Use Planning/Tools- Joan Nichols](#)

Should you have additional questions regarding the material or outline, please direct them to [Kayleigh.Royston@ct.gov](mailto:Kayleigh.Royston@ct.gov)

### Public comments

#### Next Steps and Adjourn

Following this meeting, the working group will begin drafting its report to be submitted to the Governors Council on Climate change. A draft copy of the submission will be distributed to members of the working group for input and if necessary, a follow-up working group meeting will be scheduled.

[Zoom Meeting Recording- can be found here.](#)