
Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Goals

Review public participation process

Review policy recommendations

Engaging in additional outreach to groups not fully represented by GC3 as of yet

What does remote public participation look like?

(Google groups for Uploading Public Participation Volunteer Contacts: Send emails to Participations all at once)

Principles for Public Participation Guiding Question to Hold Ourselves Accountable (Drafted by James Albis)

Transparent and Accountable Decision-Making Is decision-making open, transparent, and accountable to the public at all stages?

Accessible and Inclusive Decision-Making Is the decision-making process accessible to and inclusive of diverse populations? Am I ensuring that members from historically disadvantaged communities –

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including communities of color, communities that are economically disadvantaged, people with
disabilities, and others – are able to participate as decision-makers?

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Equal Partnerships, Co-Production, and Self Determination Are community members equal partners in
decision making? Are we asking communities for their equal input and creating policies with them
rather than for them?

Respect, Efficiency, and Non-Exploitation Is the decision-making process respectful and streamlined to
ensure the time and effort of participants is valued?

Next steps:

Review the public participation process

Ask James Albis for more input

Hold meeting on changes to draft documents

Look at things through the equity lens

What does our onboard process look like?

Need input from community members from Waterbury, Bridgeport, Willimantic