

Vermont Soil Health and Payment for Ecosystem Services Working Group

Meeting #6: March 16, 2021, 1-3:15 PM

By zoom (joining info below)

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/pes>

Meeting Objectives

- Restart PES and Soil Health WG
- Update on activities since we met last

Readings Ahead of Meeting

- 2020 WG-Relevant Statute: [Section 24 of Act 129 of 2020](#), Pages 29-33
- 2020 WG Interim Report to the Legislature: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/Soil-Conservation-Practice-and-PES-Working-Group-Report-01152020.pdf>
- 2021 Vermont Law School Report on Key Tasks and Findings of the Vermont PES and Soil Health Working Group, Including Recommendations for the WG's Actions in 2021

Agenda

- 12:50** **Open Zoom Meeting and Zoom Orientation**
- 1:00** **Welcome and Introductions**, *Alyson Eastman and Stacy Cibula, Co-Chairs*
- Introductions: Name and affiliation (please rename self in participant list too with first and last name and organization)
- 1:10** **Brief Review of Legislative Charge, Rules of the Road, and Agenda**, *Ryan Patch and Patrick Field*
- 1:15** **Conservation Innovation Grant PES Effort**
- Presentation, *Jon Winsten, Conservation Performance LLC (15 minutes)*
 - Questions (10 minutes)
- 1:40** **National Conservation Innovation Grant with Vermont Land Trust and UVM Extension**
- Presentation, *Nick Richardson and Tyler Miller, VLT (15 minutes)*
 - Questions (10 minutes)
- 2:05** **Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Updates**
- Vermont Pay for Phosphorus Program Grant & Vermont Environmental Stewardship Program Lake Champlain Basin Program Research Grant, *Ryan Patch, AAFM (15 minutes)*
 - Questions (10 minutes)
- 2:30** **Other Updates**
- UVM Gund Institute
 - Soil Health Network, *Jennifer Byrne*

- Next steps on process, work plan, and meeting length/frequency/dates/times for standing meetings

3:00 **Brief Public Comment in Chat**

3:15 **Next Steps and Adjourn**

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