



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Special Meeting

November 8, 2022 – 5:15pm

Location: Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Dennis Unites, Sharon Lynch, Susan Hibbard,
Michael Serra, MaryEllen Mateleska

Present Virtual: Julia Parry, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild

Call to order 5:15pm

- September meeting minutes approved
- Special joint EDC meeting minutes approved
- Review of Correspondences:
 - Review of requested letter of supports from the Task Force for grant funding.
 - Discussion on the 2023 meeting schedule; the schedule will remain the third Thursday of the month at 5:15PM
 - Discussion on Task Force submissions for the Capital Improvement Program budget. Task members will review CIP meeting schedule to ensure representation at appropriate meetings.
 - Request for special projects for the spring 2023 UCONN Climate Corps cohort.
- Tasking
 - Monthly meetings are continuing to review zoning regulations. Recordings are available and public input will be requested in 2023.
 - Community outreach “Did you Know” articles were not included in September or October newsletters but will be included in the future.
 - Planning for joint EDC/CCTF Energy Fair (March 25, 2023) is underway and representatives are meeting with Town officials to garner additional support. Motion was put forth to continue to move forward with the joint Energy Fair and unanimously approved by Task Force members.
- Status Updates:
 - Flood and Erosion Control Board held the initial meeting and will meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Police Station.
 - No new update on Grants and Floodplain Manager position hiring.

- No new update on climate-based integration into Stonington School curriculum.
 - M. Serra is waiting from response on school solar options.
 - Resolution has been made by the town to address climate change, resiliency and sustainability as a central management principle for all actions of the Town of Stonington.
- Grant Funding opportunities
 - Information on grant opportunities and available other available funding.
- Public Awareness Review
- Comments from the task force members
 - Next meeting, Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm

Climate Change Task Force mission is to identify climate resiliency risk and community vulnerability within the town of Stonington, and assist the town in determining priorities, actions and solutions to mitigate these risks.

Mary Ellen Matelska