



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting

February 16, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Dennis Unites, Michael Serra, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Sharon Lynch, MaryEllen Mateleska

Present Virtual: Julia Parry, Susan Hibbard

Present: June Strunk, Members of the public

Call to order 5:15pm

- January meeting minutes approved
- Special joint EDC meeting minutes approved
- Zoning regulations review is continuing, and public comments will be requested shortly
- Community outreach materials are being used and no additional items are needed at this time.
- Stonington Energy Fair is progressing well.
- Review of letting to BOD/BOF/BOE – motion made and passed to submit letter
- Budget schedule has been made public. A suggestion was made to discuss challenges to convert police vehicles to electric with the police department.
- Flood and Erosion Control Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Police Station. Town Engineer will attend the next meeting.
- Review of grant opportunities
- Review of public awareness
- Comments
 - Suggest has been made for the Task Force to work on an energy plan for the Town.
 - Recommendation to send personal invitations to chairs of all Town committees to attend the Energy Fair on 3/25.
 - Suggestion made to update the definition of coastal resilience.
- Next meeting, Thursday, March 16 at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm

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 Mateliska