



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting

April 20, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Dennis Unites, Francis Pandolfi, Susan Hibbard,
MaryEllen Mateleska

Present Virtual: Julia Parry, Sharon Lynch, Michael Serra

Call to order 5:20pm

- March meeting minutes approved
- Email received regarding upcoming FOIA training; Rick and Susan have registered to attend
- A thank you letter has been sent following the Stonington Energy Fair.
- Unsure of zoning regulations update progress.
- Community outreach materials have not been used since January.
- Stonington Energy Fair was a success. Task Force will review the survey results at the May meeting and discuss follow-up activities.
- A representative from Westerly who focuses on sustainability will attend the May meeting to explore areas of collaboration.
- Status Updates
 - Flood and Erosion Control Board have adopted a mission statement –“The purpose is to prevent, correct and arrest erosion and flood damage within the boundaries of the Town”.
 - Open positions for Grants Manager, Town Planner and DPW Director have been removed from the website.
- Review of grant opportunities and public awareness activities
 - Branford could serve as a model for Stonington to structure sustainability positions.
 - NEEP’s Community Federal Working Group competitive funding should be explored for a joint Pawcatuck/Westerly project.
- Comments
 - Alliance for Mystic River Watershed will have a community gathering on April 30th at Coogan Farm.

- Marine Science Magnet School is beginning the process of hosting a youth summit. More information coming.
- Next meeting, Thursday, May, 18 at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

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 Mateluska