



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting

August 17, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Jane Dawson, Dennis Unites, Susan Hibbard,
MaryEllen Mateleska, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Julia Parry

Present Virtual: Michael Serra

Call to order 5:16pm

- July meeting minutes approved with changes.
- Review of correspondences
 - Review of letter to be sent to Town Planner with suggested edits of Phase 1 Zoning Regulations.
 - Introduction of Jane Dawson as a member of the Climate Change Task Force
- Decision made to continue with hybrid Task Force meetings.
- Request for Task Force members to consider stepping into Chair or Secretary positions and the possibility of term limits.
- Tasking priorities
 - Review of letter to First Selectman with Task Force vision for short/long term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board. Task Force members approved as written.
 - Discuss to repurpose “Did you know?” content to be appropriate for dissemination through social media as well as include information on incentives.
- Community Solar – tracking future outreach efforts.
- Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board updates and now has C. Iler as town liaison.
- Discussion on Preliminary Engineering Report Holmes Street Seawall.
- Review of grant opportunities.
- Review of Public Awareness articles.
- Next meeting, Thursday, September 21st at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

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