



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 16, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

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

Call to order 5:15pm

- September meeting minutes approved.
- Review of correspondences
 - Email to P. Burmhal and follow up correspondence on CIP. Thank you to Rick, Susan, and Julia for speaking/making comments. Clarification was made that funds are not being requested for the Task Force but for project funds that can be used to match grant funds. Town representatives will meet with the Task Force at an upcoming meeting to review recommendations and priorities.
 - M. Evak's request for information on Task Force priorities has been fulfilled.
- Tasking
 - CCTF vision for short- and long-term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board have been submitted.
 - Content for social media campaign has been submitted.
 - A public survey was sent out seeking information from the community on sustainability/environment to inform the updated Zoning Regulations. A public meeting is scheduled for the end of November.
 - Community solar update – they will most likely sunset community solar and replace it with a program that can accommodate the demand.
 - Plan of Conservation and Development update is going well. Progress is being made but an external consultant may be contracted to assist. Next meeting is on November 27.
 - Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board update.
- Review of grant opportunities
- Review of public awareness articles
- Next Meeting December 21 at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm

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 Matelaska