

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2016 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Service Room – Department of Human Services
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

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1. Call to order 7:00 PM
2. Approval of draft regular meeting minutes: April 21, 2016
3. Presentation on Energize CT Programs by Richard Olisky (www.uplandscg.com)

Related links: The Westerly Sun – *Stonington Devising Action Plan on Energy (May 11, 2016)*: <http://www.thewesterlysun.com/news/stonington/8817398-154/stonington-devising-action-plan-on-energy.html>

Energize Connecticut – Clean Communities Dashboard - Stonington
<http://www.ctenergydashboard.com/CEC/Town.aspx?CECTownID=137>

4. Adopted Budget – 2016-2017. Under Department of Planning: \$1,000 Clerical Meetings; \$500 Seminars & Programs (Training & Education); \$2,000 Professional Services
5. Status of ongoing studies:
 - a. CT Department of Housing Planning Grant Award - \$150,000 (Town of Stonington Department of Planning lead)
 - b. Survey of Historical Buildings – Stonington Borough (R. C. Goodwin Associates for the Connecticut State Historical Preservation Office)
 - c. Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association / NFWF and Fuss & O'Neill - \$720,000 grant for a "Flood and Storm Damage Resiliency Management Plan" (http://www.wpwa.org/flood_resiliency.html)
 - d. Emergency Preparedness Grant – Roger Kizer (Stonington IT Manager) and Julianna Barrett (SEAGRANT – UCONN).
6. Question / issues for CT/DOH grant consultant
7. Barn Island Management Plan – comments due June 30, 2016
http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2723&q=578666&deepNav_GID=1655
 - a. Salt marsh restoration in RI: <https://vimeo.com/162151739>
8. Public outreach – ideas
9. Items in the news:
 - a. Hidden Brain (NPR podcast) *Why Our Brains Weren't Made to Deal With Climate Change* www.npr.org/2016/04/18/474685770/why-our-brains-werent-made-to-deal-with-climate-change
 - b. Middleborough (Mass.) Plans to Buy Out Flood-Prone Properties – buyout of nine properties, \$161K from town Community Preservation Act funds / \$753K from MA Emergency Mgmt. Agency / \$161K from the Nature Conservancy.

- <http://www.ecori.org/public-safety/2016/4/20/middleborough-plans-to-buy-out-flood-prone-properties?rq=middle>
- c. Resettling the First American Climate Refugees, New York Times May 3, 2016, \$48M in federal HUD funding to relocate Isle de Jean Charles, LA:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/03/us/resettling-the-first-american-climate-refugees.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&r=0>
 - d. Animation showing historical/forecasted temperature rise:
<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/simulated-global-temperature-change-0>
 - e. Freddie-mac Economist Warns of Housing Crisis Caused by Sea Level Rise, Broward Palm Beach New Times, May 12, 2016 (warns of pending difficulties in obtaining mortgages when banks finally start looking at property life expectancy):
<http://www.browardpalmbeach.com/news/freddie-mac-economist-warns-of-housing-crisis-caused-by-sea-level-rise-7777522>
 - f. Rising Seas Made This Republican Mayor A Climate Change Believer, NPR, May 18, 2016 (Coral Gables, FL):
<http://www.npr.org/2016/05/17/477014145/rising-seas-made-this-republican-mayor-a-climate-change-believer>
 - g. Gizmodo – June 9, 2016 – article on how British military surface ships breaking down due to warmer water temperatures that can't cool engines:
<http://gizmodo.com/this-might-get-the-world-to-finally-pay-attention-to-cl-1781662009>
 - h. Climate Progress – June 9, 2016 – San Francisco Bay area region agrees to parcel tax of \$12 / year will fund nature-based flood protections through wetlands, and habitat restoration along the Bay's edge and creeks:
<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2016/06/09/3786580/bay-area-sea-level-rise-tax-approved/>

10. NE Regional Climate Center – website no longer active.

11. Comments from public / open discussion

12. Adjournment

Stonington residents and other with an interest are invited to attend the monthly meetings and participate in the discussions.