

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

AGENDA

Special Meeting

September 1, 2016 – 5:30 pm
Location: Stonington Borough Meeting Hall
26 Church Street, Stonington, CT 06378

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1. Call to order 5:30 PM
2. Meet with Arup USA Inc. consultants regarding CT DOH Planning Grant.
3. Approval of draft regular meeting minutes: June 16, 2016
4. 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).
 - e. Southeastern Council of Governments – CIRCA grant for Critical Facilities Assessment - \$30K awarded June 2016
5. Public outreach – ideas
 - a. "Game of Floods" <http://www.marincounty.org/main/county-press-releases/press-releases/2016/cda-gameoffloods-071916>
6. Items in the news:
 - a. "Living Shorelines" Will Get Fast Track to Combat Sea Level Rise - Scientific American July 6, 2015 – Army Corps of Engineers is considering new class of permitting to fast track approvals
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/living-shorelines-will-get-fast-track-to-combat-sea-level-rise/>
 - b. West Haven, CT buy out program – ECORI.org <http://www.ecori.org/climate-change/2016/7/18/program-helps-floodplain-homeowners-relocate>
 - c. FEMA Proposes Rules for Construction in Flood Areas - Federally funded projects must be 2 feet above 100-year floodplain – WSJ August 23, 2016
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/fema-proposes-rules-that-push-rebuilding-after-floods-to-higher-ground-1471897537>
 - d. Pawcatuck floodgates lack FEMA certification – The Westerly Sun – August 19, 2016 <http://www.thewesterlysun.com/news/stonington/9212670-154/pawcatuck-floodgates-lack-fema-certification.html>
7. NE Regional Climate Center – June rainfall 29% - 46% below normal / June temperature 0.7 to 1.8 degrees above average. July rainfall 53% below (Hartford) - 139% above (Bridgeport) normal / July temperature 2.8 to 3.2 degrees above average.

8. Comments from public / open discussion

9. Adjournment

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