

# CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

## Town Of Stonington

### AGENDA

#### Regular Meeting

November 17, 2016 – 7:00 pm

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

1. Call to order 7:00 PM
2. Approval of draft special meeting minutes: September 1, 2016
3. Bylaws / member status
4. 2017 Meeting Schedule
5. POCD Minutes Oct. 3, 2016 – moved responsibility of Task 3.3.10 (develop resiliency plan) to Department of Planning
6. Status / discussion 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](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
7. Public outreach:
  - a. Calculate your carbon tax: [www.carbontax.org](http://www.carbontax.org)
8. Items in the news:
  - a. NY Times article "Flooding of Coast, Caused By Global Warming, Has Already Begun" September 3, 2016 <http://nyti.ms/2ccTbb5>
  - b. Sea-Level Rise to Reduce Effectiveness of Home Septic Systems (ecoRI.org) – September 8, 2016 <http://www.ecori.org/climate-change/2016/9/8/sea-level-rise-to-reduce-effectiveness-of-home-septic-systems>
  - c. Federal Program to Fund Elevating South Coast Homes (ecoRI, Nov. 2, 2016) <http://www.ecori.org/climate-change/2016/10/31/federal-program-to-fund-elevating-homes-in-south-county>
  - d. NatGeo: Before the Flood: <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/before-the-flood/videos/watch-before-the-flood-for-free-everywhere/>
  - e. Weather Channel video: These Kids Want to Clear Something Up....  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwRhHyYR6cs>
  - f. Marketplace November 7, 2016 – San Francisco area voters pave the way for climate adaptation (\$1/month parcel tax that will raise \$500M)....

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<https://www.marketplace.org/2016/11/02/sustainability/san-francisco-area-voters-paved-way-climate-adaptation>

- g. Stonington looking at upgrading floodgates to drive mill redevelopment, The Day, November 6 / 7, 2016 <http://www.theday.com/local/20161106/stonington-looking-at-upgrading-floodgates-to-drive-mill-redevelopment>

9. NE Regional Climate Center –

Date	City	Temperature	Rainfall
August	Bridgeport	+5.1 degrees / rank 1	3.16" / 80% of normal
August	Hartford	+4.0 degrees / rank 2	4.19" / 107% of normal
September	Bridgeport	+4.4 degrees / rank 2	2.73" / 78% of normal
September	Hartford	+3.3 degrees / rank 11	2.42" / 62% of normal
October	Bridgeport	+3.4 degrees / rank 10	4.25" / 117% of normal
October	Harford	+1.7 degrees	2.17" / 50% of normal

<http://www.nrcc.cornell.edu/services/blog/2016/10/17/index.html>

10. Mystic reservoir status – September 2016: 39.8% capacity (49% of normal)  
[http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/drinking\\_water/pdf/Status\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/drinking_water/pdf/Status_Summary.pdf)
11. SCCOG Public Input to Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Public forum Nov. 28 7 PM  
Groton Public Library or online survey:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCOGHazard](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCOGHazard)  
If link doesn't work go to SCCOG website to get link.
12. Comments from public / open discussion
13. Adjournment

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