

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 18, 2016 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Task Force members: Rick Newton, Jeffrey Callahan, MaryEllen Mateleska

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, P.E. - Town Engineer

Absent: Susan Hibbard, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Ed Hart,

Guests: Rob Simmons First Selectmen, 5 Stonington High School Students

Called to order at 7:05pm

- Task force did not have a quorum so not votes were taken only public discussions
- Group was addressed by Rob Simmons to thank the committee for their time and discuss the role of the task force. Rob will disseminate to the committee a written mission statement and goals.
- Update on the process for submitting grants to support town functions. Grants will be created internally by town employees following approval by the first selectmen.
- Discussion on the next steps of the currently funded planning grant. The request for proposals is in the final editing stages and will be distributed through a number of avenues to attract the highest quality responses.
- A draft letter was reviewed by the task force discussing action on additional grant opportunities. It was requested that Stonington Borough be added to the distribution list of this letter and the task force will vote on approval at a later date. The task force will continue to seek out funding opportunities to support post-planning grant programs
- Task force discussed the possibility of utilizing the town's social media platforms to engage the community in climate change education. This is not feasible at this time but the group will continue to discuss methods of public engagement.
- Town is looking to send staff to a public meeting on March 3, 2016 in Stratford, CT on the development of the Stratford town Coastal Resilience Plan. Participants will report back on findings at the March meeting.
- Following feedback from the First Selectmen, the task force will formulate a new mission statement.
- Next meeting, Thursday, March 24th at 7:00pm

Adjourn: 8:05pm

MaryEllen Mateleska