

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

March 24, 2016 - 7:00 pm

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

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

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

Absent: Ed Hart, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild,

Guests: Stonington High School students

Called to order at 7:00pm

- January and February meeting minutes approved (3-0-1 vote)
- Task force chairman recommended adding to bylaws to move from following Robert's Rule of quorum to establish a quorum of the task force to 3 members. Susan Hibbard motioned to accept; Jeffrey Callahan seconded the motion and was approved with a 4-0 vote.
- Task Force members were briefed on the next steps of the currently funded planning grant. The request for proposals was released and multiple proposals were submitted. Jeffrey Callahan will represent the task force on the consultant selection committee.
- Rick Newton met with the Director of Planning to hear the concerns of the task force and was reassured that Scot Deledda is the best town representative for the task force and will continue to serve as the liaison with the town.
- Discussion on the importance of including information on the financial impacts of climate change and sea level in any prepared reports. Scot and Jeff will ensure this information is discussed in the review process for consultants.
- Review of recent climate change focused Community Resiliency Building Workshop guide, Urban Waterfront Adaptive Strategies document, Regional Climate Center update, and news articles.
- Motion by Susan Hibbard to include an agenda item to include a discussion on the role and mission of the Task Force.
- Members will discuss public outreach to most at-risk areas, including local businesses as well as recruitment of new task force members at the April meeting
- Next meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:00pm

Adjourn: 8:05pm

MaryEllen Mateleska