CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE
Town of Stonington
Draft Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
April 16, 2015 – 7:00pm
Location: Community Service Room Department of Human Services
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Present: Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton, Thomas Norris, Ed Hart, Jeff Callahan, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, MaryEllen Mateleska

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Absent: Ian Camfield, David Rathbun,

Additional Member: Robert Yust

Guest – Tracey C. O'Neill – Westerly Sun reporter

Call to order at 7:00pm

- Report on town region's rating on climate change matrix. Masons Island area, Stonington Borough and Downtown Mystic areas all received similar grades. Based on group discussion Murphy's point, Masons point, and Latimer point area was chosen as the first focus point. Exact boundaries of the area will be defined following a review of flood maps.
- Discussion that the assessment report will be a platform to elevate climate change awareness among Board of Selectmen and general community members. Ultimate goal is to engage planning and zoning committee to consider sea level rise impacts for future projects. The report will include a risk assessment for one foot and 4 foot sea level rise
- Group will vote next month as it relates to absentee appointees per by-laws, in particular, the participation of seasonal residents on the Task Force. Defer discussion for another month to make Ian and other snow birds an alternate. Motion to recommend the removal of David Rathbun, due to lack of attendance, from the Climate Change Task Force to the Board of Selectmen was unanimously approved.
- Climate Change Task Force members will attend living shoreline meeting in June to learn of examples of integrated approaches of installations of living shorelines in CT,
- Discussion on storm ready towns, Groton and Norwich, and how Stonington can receive certification by National Weather Service. Task Force recommended that town emergency services look into StormReady certification.
- Task Force members discussed with guest reporter on the work to date accomplished by the group and plans for the future of the Climate Change Task Force.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

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