CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Draft Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2016 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Task Force members Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, MaryEllen Mateleska

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

Absent: Jeffrey Callahan, Ed Hart

Guests: Richard Olisky (Uplands, Energize CT)

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Call to order 7:03 PM

- Approval of April meeting minutes – unanimously approved
- Richard Olisky discussed the current energy saving outreach opportunities for industry and residential including carbon reducing services, rebates and incentives.
    - The program is run through CT DEEP and governed by the Energy Efficient Board, utilities manage the programs at a reduced rate of $99 (free if you are less than 60% of the state median income). Only 40 vendors are certified by the utilities and only 3 vendors are east of the CT River.
    - Looking for access to include more outreach into the Stonington community and would like to be part of future community events.
    - Loans are available to increase solar energy for low and moderate income families – currently in Bridgeport but will soon expand to Eastern CT
    - Once a town has reached 100 points, they are eligible for a $10,000 grants and Stonington currently has 160 points. Can get up to 2 a year for a maximum of $20,000.
- Discussion continued on incorporating this information for dissemination at future public meetings, website but also a good fit for other town departments.
- Discussion of budget as funds for the task force are still available to support professional development
- Update on the status of the CT Department of Housing Planning grant. Following interviews with the top three firms. A contract is pending with additional information coming. A joint meeting will upcoming with multiple town departments, task force, and boards is being planned
- A meeting is planned to further implement the Emergency Preparedness Grant with UCONN.
- Review of the discussion on the Barn Island Management Plan, it was decided to wait until the first round of comments before responding to the plan.

- Task force will brainstorm a list of organizations that should be invited to upcoming meetings. Additionally, a draft invitation will be created that can be distributed at festivals and fairs.
- Discussion on latest news articles that pertain to climate change and other town initiatives.
- Next meeting is Thursday, July 21 at 7:00pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm