

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

September 24, 2015 - 7:00 pm

Location: Stonington Borough Town Hall
26 Church Street, Stonington, CT 06378

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

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

Guests: Rebecca French, PhD – Director of Community Engagement CIRCA, David Kozak –Senior Coastal Planner, Office of Long Island Sound Program, CT DEEP, 3 Stonington High School students

Call to order at 6:58pm

- Approval of August meeting minutes
- Rebecca French presented to the task force information on CIRCA (Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptations) and strategies to support municipalities.
 - Including the Matching Funds Program which is set up to assist organizations with projects that address the mission of the Institute and serves to provide matching funds for proposed projects.
 - Municipal Resilience Grant Programs which are open specifically to municipalities that are seeking funds for projects that have an outcome which is transferable to other towns and regions.
 - Task Force members discussed the challenges with submitting a proposal for the October 15th deadline but propose to submit an application for the Spring 2016 funding round
- David Kozak presented on tools to model sea level rise impacts on marsh land and marsh migration. The demonstration included a tutorial on how to use the SLAMM (Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model) software in both simple and advanced models to assist Task Force members with assessment.
- Task Force reviewed and unanimously approved the scope of services for data consolidation by external GIS specialist.
- Discussion on current information and periodicals on climate change and sea level rise impacts as well as potential for future funding and support from the Nature Conservancy.
- Next meeting is Thursday, October 15th at Stonington Human Services Building

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

MaryEllen Mateleska