

# CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

## Town Of Stonington

### Meeting Minutes

#### Special Meeting

November 20, 2014 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Task Force members Jeffrey Callahan, Ed Hart, Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton, Thomas Norris.

Absent: Ian Camfield, David Rathbun

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

Guests: Robert Yost and one student from Stonington High School government class.

Call to order 7:00 PM

- Introductions
- Delayed decision of selection of secretary and chairperson until a later meeting
- Discussed FOI requirements.
- Agreed on meeting schedule for 2015 (third Thursday of each month at this location).
- Presentation by Robert Yust, P.E. - Community Plans and Liaison Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London / Groton & member of Old Saybrook Sea Level Rise Climate Adaptation Commission. Mr. Yust described actions the US Navy is undertaking to assess facilities in the face of rising sea levels and discussed the activities of the commission in Old Saybrook (which has been meeting twice monthly for about 6 months). Mr. Yust has agreed to be a non-voting member of the Stonington task force as the Navy has waterfront property in Stonington.
- Task force tossed around ideas on a way forward, perhaps narrowing the scope initially to focus on sea level rise and then doing an assessment of each section of town.
- For the next few meetings we'd try to get some local experts in to talk to the task force. Dr. Adam Whelchel (TNC) and Dr. Juliana Barrett (UConn Seagrant) were thought to be experts who may be able to provide focus our task force.
- A list of websites with links to relevant studies by other towns and mapping tools will be distributed to the members of the task force.

Adjourn: 8:20 PM

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