



# Climate Change Task Force

## Town of Stonington

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## CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting

December 15, 2022 – 5:15pm

Location: Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Dennis Unites, Susan Hibbard, Michael Serra,  
Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, MaryEllen Mateleska

Present Virtual: Julia Parry, Sharon Lynch

Present: Members of the Public

Call to order 5:15pm

- November meeting minutes approved with changes
- Special joint EDC meeting minutes approved
- Review of Correspondences:
  - First Selectmen requested to be added to the January 19<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting agenda.
  - Email sent to Stonington Schools regarding Rewiring School Campaign.
- Tasking
  - Monthly meetings are continuing to review zoning regulations. Recordings are available and public input will be requested in 2023.
  - Community outreach "Did you Know" articles were not included in latest newsletter.
  - Planning for joint EDC/CCTF Energy Fair (March 25, 2023) is underway.
- Status Updates:
  - Flood and Erosion Control Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Police Station. Resiliency representative from Groton is invited to attend the January meeting. Discussed the need for an upland study to support the sea level rise focused resilience study previously produced.
  - Grants and Floodplain Manager position has been posted.
  - Climate-based integration into Stonington School curriculum discussion has been put on hold.
- Grant Funding opportunities
  - Information on grant opportunities and available other available funding.
  - EPA (<http://bit.ly/3HsLnkB>) and Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund (<https://bit.ly/3wp9HOf>) are additional opportunities.
- Public Awareness Review

- Comments from the task force members
  - Request that the Task Force share SolSmart, Heat Smart, and Energy Fair information at the farmers market on February 18, 2023
  - Task Force members will discuss resulting actions from the recent climate declarations, grant priorities and appropriate town contacts, and requesting funds.
  - Comments from Alliance for Mystic River Watershed members.
  - Next meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2022 at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm

Climate Change Task Force mission is to identify climate resiliency risk and community vulnerability within the town of Stonington, and assist the town in determining priorities, actions and solutions to mitigate these risks.

*Mary Ellen Mateluska*