



# Climate Change Task Force

**Town of Stonington**

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## CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

### Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes

#### Regular Meeting

April 21, 2022 – 5:15pm

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

Present: Susan Hibbard (virtual), Rick Newton, Julia Parry (virtual), Lyndsey Pryke-Fairchild, Francis Pandolfi, Dennis Unites, Sharon Lynch and MaryEllen Mateleska

Call to order 5:15pm

- Meeting minutes approved
- Climate Change Task Force updates
  - Zoning regulations are on hold until the Planning and Zoning Commission and consultants have draft regulations to review.
  - Community outreach information to be included in the First Selectmen's blog has been crafted until June. Task force members will continue to provide information on climate resilience efforts, sustainability projects and other tips for residents.
  - Update provided from Julia on PACE programs. First Selectmen is in favor of participation in the Heat Smart Light program which will provide information on how to make homes more energy efficient. Actions could include information on conducting energy audits through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and provide recommendations on upgrades, including contact information on contractors.
  - Discussion between members of the CCTF and the Economic Development Committee has found areas of collaboration. Task Force has voted in favor of creating a subcommittee to meet the members of the EDC to discuss deliverables that can be used to support green initiatives.
- Status Updates:
  - Flood and Erosion Control Board currently has four applicants.
  - Proposed title for new position has been changed to Grants and Floodplain Manager. Budget hearing vote is on April 26.
  - No update on employee handbook
  - No new information to share regarding the Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program
  - Solar field is on hold until a contractor can be identified.

- Information has been sent referencing the possibility of creating a school food recycling program. Any response to the request/inquiry would be appreciated.
  - Priority list of new Climate Change Task Force tasks will be postponed until May meeting when all members have submitted their priorities.
- Comments
  - Items cut from the budget (e.g., electric charging stations) may not be permanent. Additional appropriations may be available throughout the year. Electric charging stations could greatly enhance the 4<sup>th</sup> District and Town Hall lots should a request be made.
- Next meeting May 19, 2022 at 5:15pm at Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation
  - no virtual options available.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm

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 Matileuska*