



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2022 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Dennis Unites, Sharon Lynch, Susan Hibbard, Francis Pandolfi, Lyndsey Pryke-Fairchild, MaryEllen Mateleska

Present Virtual: Julia Parry, Michael Serra

Call to order 5:15pm

- Guest speaker Alicia Tyson – CT Sea Grant, Long Island Sound Study - presentation slides included in notes
- Guest speaker Darcy Young – Narragansett Bay Estuary Program – presentation slides included in notes
- Discussion on environmental concerns and possibilities of future collaboration
- Clarification on sub-committee meetings; public posting of agenda and meeting minutes are needed.
- August meeting minutes approved
- Special joint EDC meeting minutes approved
- Tasking
 - Zoning regulation review is progressing, and recording are posted for viewing.
 - The public outreach “Did you know?” initiative was not published for the past few months; additional articles are requested.
 - PACE updates – Outreach at the farmers market was very successful! Additional support will be needed for future outreach events.
 - PACE has provided a liaison to assist in the review of Stonington’s solar zoning regulations.
 - Update on joint EDC meeting
- Status Updates:
 - No new update on Grants and Floodplain Manager position hiring.
 - No new update on solar field at the transfer station.
 - No new update on Sample Employee Handbook.
 - No new update on Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program.

- No new update on Climate Action Plan.
 - No new update on follow up meeting with Stonington School Superintendent.
 - M. Serra is waiting from response on school solar options.
 - A letter regarding proposed zoning regulations to require solar on all new construction will be shared with the Task Force for review prior to next meeting.
- Grant Funding opportunities
 - Information on grant opportunities and available other available funding.
- Public Awareness Review
- Comments from the task force members
 - The October Climate Change Task Force meeting will be cancelled. A new date will be set for November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm

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 Mateliska