



# Climate Change Task Force

**Town of Stonington**

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### Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes

#### Regular Meeting

March 16, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Dennis Unites, Francis Pandolfi, Sharon Lynch, MaryEllen Mateleska

Present Virtual: Julia Parry, Susan Hibbard, Michael Serra

Present: June Strunk, Members of the public

Call to order 5:15pm

- February meeting minutes approved
- Email received regarding upcoming FOIA training
- Zoning regulations review is continuing, and public comments will be requested shortly
- Community outreach materials are being used.
- Stonington Energy Fair is progressing well; invitation is extended to all to attend/participate.
- Discussion on the possibility of meeting with the Westerly sustainability focused committee to explore future collaboration – Task Force approved for May meeting.
- Status Updates
  - Flood and Erosion Control Board have adopted a mission statement and is seeking 2 alternate members
  - Discussion on future projects for the Task Force – ideas include joint town solar ventures, continuing momentum of Energy fair, town greenhouse gas audit, hosting a sustainability forum for non-profit organizations.
- Review of grant opportunities
- Review of public awareness activities
  - Town Hall is replacing the current heating system with propane; discussion on whether more sustainable, cost saving options were considered.
- Comments
  - Alliance for Mystic River Watershed will have a community gathering on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Coogan Farm.
  - Public hearing on the budget is set for March 28<sup>th</sup>

- Next meeting, Thursday, April 20, at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm

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 Mateleska*