



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting

May 18, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

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

Call to order 5:15pm

- April meeting minutes approved
 - On May 4th, 1st Selectman met with Town staff regarding energy.
 - At this time, there is no interest in installing solar on the roof of schools (shoveling would be needed around the HVAC systems) or charging stations (this would open the parking lots to the public).
 - Rick and Susan attending the FOIA training and provided an update to the group.
 - Phase 1 of zoning regulations update is close to be completed. Phase 2 will include public input.
 - Community outreach materials have not been used and do not seem to have a place in the redesigned format.
 - Stonington Energy discuss:
 - An invitation to a subset of committee members representing the Economic Development Committee will be extended to further discuss community solar projects
 - Suggestion to create a concluding report and press release on the success of the event.
 - Open positions for Grants Manager, Town Planner and DPW Director have been removed from the website.
 - Status Update
 - Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board is in the initial discussions of hosting workshops in villages and towns.
 - Review of grant opportunities and public awareness activities
 - Comments
 - Board of Finance has multiple openings for members.
- Next meeting, Thursday, May, 18 at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

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