



Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting

July 20, 2023 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Susan Hibbard, MaryEllen Mateleska, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Francis Pandolfi

Present Virtual: Sharon Lynch

Call to order 5:16pm

- June meeting minutes approved
- Review of correspondences
 - Contact Patti Burmahl with any ADA compliance needs, including the need for Zoom meetings.
 - Review email from 1st Selectman that outlined future tasks for the Task Force.
 - Chris Houlihan (Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board) attended the meeting to discuss how the two groups can collaborate to take advantage of funding opportunities. Potential of having public meetings focused on chronic climate-related problems. Task Force voted to move forward with the collaboration and Francis Pandolfi is designated as the Task Force representative.
- Application for a new Task Force member has been submitted and approved.
- Grants staff has been hired and will be part-time until September.
- Tasking priorities
 - Create a vision with short- and long-term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board
 - Develop and design a community outreach social media campaign.
 - Provide input for Phase II of zoning regulations
 - Meet with Susan Cullen on SustainableCT Climate Leader Designation
- Community Solar update was provided by Sharon Lynch. No action at this time but the Task Force will keep this line on the agenda.
- Review of grant opportunities.
- Review of Public Awareness articles.

• Next meeting, Thursday, August 17th at 5:15PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

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