

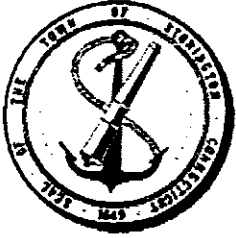
- Call for volunteers and suggestions to expand sustainability initiatives in the Town. Solar over the transfer station, grant tracking, funding to sustain curbside composting, investment in resiliency fund.
- On 1/31, the Board of Selectmen's CIP meeting will be held. Please attend or send letters.
- When submitting comments to the Board of Finance, information to include is: specific ways that funds can be used and opportunities that are being missed due to lack of funds.

• Next Meeting February 15, 2024 at 5:15PM

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.

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CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town of Stonington Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 18, 2024 – 5:15pm

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

Present In-person: Rick Newton, Jane Dawson, Dennis Unites, MaryEllen Mateleska, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Michael Serra, Julia Parry, Susan Hibbard

Guests: Danielle Chesebrough (BOS liaison), Patti Burmahl, members of the public

Call to order 5:15pm

- Discussion on CIP budget. Funding requests should include:
 - Designated staff person to coordinate climate activities across all staff and commissions.
 - Dedicated funds that can be used as matching funds for grant applications
- November meeting minutes approved.
- Review of correspondences
 - Task force members will host a table during the March 2nd Farmers' Market. Discussion on what are the important items to convey.
 - Review of FOIA correspondence.
- Tasking
 - CCTF vision for short- and long-term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board have been submitted.
 - Content for social media campaign has been submitted. Local students will begin to take this content and create posts.
 - Additional input on the zoning regulations, including regulations that incorporate resiliency and sustainability measures, is being requested.
 - First Selectmen will be the liaison for Sustainable CT. The Task Force will explore the Climate Action section.
 - Plan of Conservation and Development update is going well. Progress is being made but an external consultant may be needed.
 - Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience, and Erosion Control Board update and are decided if they should take on the function of the stormwater authority.
- Review of grant opportunities
- Review of public awareness articles
- Comments