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AGENDA

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Location: Community Service Room – Department of Human Services
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

1. Call to order 7:00 PM
2. Approval of draft regular meeting minutes: January 19, 2017
3. Reviews of Arup materials (if provided by DOP). Next public forum meeting date and location?
4. Status / discussion of ongoing studies:
 - a. CT Department of Housing Planning Grant Award - \$150,000 (Town of Stonington Department of Planning lead)
 - b. Survey of Historical Buildings – Stonington Borough (R. C. Goodwin Associates for the Connecticut State Historical Preservation Office)
 - c. Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association / NFWF and Fuss & O'Neill - \$720,000 grant for a "Flood and Storm Damage Resiliency Management Plan" (http://www.wpwa.org/flood_resiliency.html)
 - d. Emergency Preparedness Grant – Roger Kizer (Stonington IT Manager) and Julianna Barrett (SEAGRANT – UCONN).
 - e. Southeastern Council of Governments – CIRCA grant for Critical Facilities Assessment - \$30K awarded June 2016
5. Status - Letter to selectmen regarding establishment of budget line item for reserve fund: Line item in Planning Dept. CIF budget but no details (per selectmen's meeting minutes) – most likely cut in selectmen's revised budget submittal. Won't know until budget is formally submitted and published.
6. Letter from selectmen's office requiring CCTF members be sworn in.
7. Fix roster on webpage.
8. Draft Regional POCD update. Climate change and sea level rise is mentioned briefly on pages 118-119. <http://www.seccog.org/pdfs/SCCOGDraftRPOCD.pdf>
9. Public awareness / outreach:
 - a. From Stonington Patch: Town of Stonington and Eversource are having free light bulb swap March 25, 2017 – Police Dept. 10AM-2PM. Up to 5 incandescent for LEDs.
 - b. Connecticut College - Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment, Palmer Auditorium, on Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. to see Years of Living Dangerously, "Priceless", Nikki Reed explores the campaign to put a price on carbon; Aasif Mandvi investigates the threat climate change poses to endangered species.
 - c. UCONN / Sea Grant Coast Perspective Lecture Series – April 18 7:30 PM "Alternative Energy: Looking Towards Connecticut's Future" Connecticut continues to embrace alternative energy with a State policy requiring power

companies to obtain 27% of their generated energy from renewable sources by 2020; with 20% of that fraction coming from Class I renewables (solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, etc.). Join us for a panel discussion from the engineering and scientific point of view – what does the future hold for Connecticut’s power generating portfolio?

10. Items in the news:

- a. Research Report: “Rising Sea Levels and Sinking Property Values: the Effects of Hurricane Sandy on New York’s Housing Market”
http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/~fortega/research/sandy_housing.pdf
- b. Peekskill Patch. NY State formalizes forecast of SLR: “Sea Level Rise Projected for the Hudson Valley: DEC” <http://patch.com/new-york/ossining/sea-level-rise-projected-hudson-valley-dec>
- c. ecoRI.org, “Ocean State Sea level-Rise Estimate Now Above 9 Feet”, February 12, 2017 <http://www.ecori.org/climate-change/2017/2/12/see-level-rise-estimate-now-above-9-feet>
- d. NEXT podcast: Boston Harbor sea barrier / Portsmouth NH living shoreline / Dover NH adaptive buildings. <https://nenc.news/podcast/episode-31-rising-tides/>

11. NE Regional Climate Center –

Date	City	Temperature	Rainfall
January	Bridgeport	+6.8 degrees / rank 1	3.28" / 121% of normal
January	Hartford	+6.6 degrees / rank 12	3.49" / 145% of normal
February	Bridgeport	+ 3.1 degrees / rank 13	1.52" / 110% of normal
February	Hartford	- 0.2 degrees	2.09" / 137% of normal.

<http://www.nrcc.cornell.edu/services/blog/2017/02/01/index.html>

12. Comments from public / open discussion

13. Adjournment

Stonington residents and others with an interest are invited to attend the monthly meetings and participate in the discussions.