



Climate Change Task Force
Town of Stonington
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for January 18, 2024 – 5:15 pm

(Entrance is on north side of Milne Center near picnic tables)

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Budget discussion
3. Minutes for approval: November 16, 2023 Regular meeting
4. Correspondence:
 - a. November 22, 2023 email from First Selectman regarding table at Stonington farmers market in 2024. Tentatively signed up for March 2, 2024.
 - b. January 5, 2024 email from Stacey Haskell regarding FOIA (previously forwarded to task force members)
5. Tasking:
 - a. Board of Selectmen priorities:
 - i. CCTF vision for short / long term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board (completed)
 - ii. Develop and design a community outreach social media campaign (sent one item – not posted)
 - iii. Input for Phase II of zoning regulations update (Phase II sustainability / environment / open space will be first of five topics – October to January). CIRCA announced a new tool: **Climate Resilience Zoning Library** <https://bit.ly/3FQuz5u> (sent to town planner and PZC chairman on November 7, 2023)
 - iv. Meet with Susan Cullen on SustainableCT (voided due to termination of Cullen's employment) – Stonington attained bronze status again in September. Report: <https://bit.ly/3LSVeCb>
 - b. Plan of Conservation and Development update
6. Status Update:
 - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website
7. Grant opportunities:
 - a. CT DEEP Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: <https://bit.ly/477TD3e>

- b. Current Nature-based solutions funding database (National Wildlife Federation):
<http://bit.ly/3kuxtpO>
 - c. From LIS Sustainable & Resilient Communities: Comprehensive List of Current and Future Funding opportunities (as of November 2023): <https://bit.ly/3QoS77N>
 - d. CT DEEP Notice of Brownfield Remediation and Development grants (forwarded to Deb Downie and Molly Evak on January 5, 2024).
8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
- a. CT Examiner – November 15, 2023 - Groton Considers Solar Array on Landfill to Offset Town Electric Bills <https://bit.ly/3SUfZlt>
 - b. Fifth National Climate Assessment <https://nca2023.globalchange.gov/>
 - c. Climate change unequally affects Americans' health and economics : Short Wave : NPR – November 20, 2023 <https://n.pr/4a55tOg>
 - d. World Meteorological Organization – November 30, 2023 - 2023 shatters climate records, with major impacts <https://bit.ly/3R2zky5>
 - e. From PACE email: DEEP hopes \$1M in grants will help CT replace older diesel trucks with electric versions – November 27, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3RjFctF>
 - f. From K. Hayhoe email: Free K-12 Climate Resource: Nature Lab <https://bit.ly/3t5cXjQ>
 - g. Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2023 award notice – <https://bit.ly/41ZyyHf>
 - h. January 10, 2024 King Tide Photos – Mystic / Stonington <https://bit.ly/3HiSrQ3>
 - i. Berkeley Earth – January 12, 2024 – Global Temperature Report for 2023 - <https://bit.ly/3HhMblh>
 - j. CT News Junkie – January 12, 2024 - Connecticut Receives \$14.6 Million In Federal Dollars For EV Charging Stations [Groton is getting two] <https://bit.ly/48DBsEk>
9. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
10. Adjournment
11. Next meeting: February 15, 2024



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82400130006?pwd=N1p2SHFjWWwhIV3JZSHlvMWt3YWZRQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 0013 0006

Passcode: Climate

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

Mission Statement: The mission of the Climate Change Task Force 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.