



Climate Change Task Force
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

January 20, 2022 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

PER ORDER OF FIRST SELECTMAN AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MILNE CENTER ALL IN-PERSON ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A MASK

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Presentation and discussion: People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE) – Mark Scully
3. Approval of draft special meeting minutes: December 16, 2021
4. Correspondence:
 - a. Email from First Selectman dated December 20, 2021 stating that hybrid meetings are again allowed though April 2022. Link: <https://bit.ly/3tzjDEy>
 - b. Email from First Selectman dated January 12, 2022 (previously forward to CCTF members) detailing training webinars available for all boards and commissions.
5. Tasking:
 - a. Zoning regulations – on hold until PZC / consultant have draft regulations to review
 - b. Community Outreach – Do You Know Topics list
 - c. Mission Statement
 - d. Survey of Flood and Erosion Control Boards in other towns
6. Status Update:
 - a. Justification for creating new position: Climate Sustainability and Floodplain Manager – forwarded to Board of Selectmen December 16, 2021
 - b. Sample Employee Handbook – forwarded to Board of Selectmen December 16, 2021
 - c. Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – USDA/NRCS (D. Unites representative)
 - d. Status of populating the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Board of Selectmen discussed at December 8, 2021 meeting
 - e. Status of establishing and populating a Stormwater Authority –

Board of Selectmen decision

- f. Update on discussion of solar field at the transfer station
 - g. Status of input from department heads for Climate Action Plan (referenced in First Selectman's email to the CCTF on July 1, 2021) – waiting on draft from First Selectman
7. Grant opportunities:
8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
- a. Book recommendation: Saving Us – A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World – Katherine Hayhoe
 - b. NREL.gov – Beneath Solar Panels, the Seeds of Opportunity Sprout - <https://bit.ly/3GD0DIQ>
 - c. Generation 180 – A Study on Solar in U.S. Schools - <https://bit.ly/3FyiQpN>
 - d. Gizmodo – January 6, 2020 – 80% of Americans Suffered Through Extreme Heat Last Year - <https://bit.ly/3254781>
9. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
10. Adjournment
11. Next meeting: February 17, 2022 5:15 PM at Mystic Aquarium's Milne Center



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82400130006?pwd=N1p2SHFjWWhIV3JZSHlvMWt3YWZRQT09>

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

"The climate crisis will be orders of magnitude worse than the pandemic if we do not take the action that we can still take to avert the tragedy that we see coming towards us" -Tom Rivett-Carnac (Ted Radio Hour / Climate Mindset / May 22, 2020)

Holmes St. bridge – January 2, 2022 high tide. Add 20" of sea level rise to envision water height in 2050

