



**Climate Change Task Force**  
**Town of Stonington**  
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*Secretary*

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium  
February 16, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: January 19, 2023 Regular meeting; January 25, 2023 joint subcommittee meetings.
3. Correspondence:
4. Tasking:
  - a. Zoning regulations – will hold monthly meetings with PZC; two phases; public input in phase II beginning in 2023 – recordings available on youtube channel.
  - b. Community Outreach – Continuing (S. Hibbard)
  - c. EDC joint meeting (S. Lynch) – see minutes from meetings.
  - d. Letter to BOS / BOF / BOE
5. Status Update:
  - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – January 17, 2023 meeting minutes: <https://bit.ly/3wVUcxz>
  - b. New position approved in budget: Grants and Floodplain Manager (job has been posted).
6. Grant opportunities:
  - a. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants - <http://bit.ly/3lqTfe9>
  - b. Where To Begin? Navigating Connecticut's Grant Opportunities - <http://bit.ly/3SOEaw4>
7. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
  - a. NPR Shortwave Podcast - EPA's proposal to raise the cost of carbon is a powerful tool and ethics nightmare – February 9, 2023 - <http://bit.ly/3Ys5ntP>
  - b. Connecticut Green Bank Winter Webinar Recording: <https://bit.ly/3x8lxLN>
  - c. NRCS - Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Planning Project - Rhode Island – public comments until March 9, 2023 - <http://bit.ly/40JXPV2>
  - d. The Guardian - World's biggest investment fund warns directors to tackle climate crisis or face sack – February 3, 2023: <http://bit.ly/3Yr9s0T>

- e. CT DOT Press Release - State of Connecticut Launches EValuateCT Dashboard Highlighting Connecticut's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Market – January 27, 2023: <http://bit.ly/40CeZnd>
- f. Source Material - The Carbon Con - How offsetting claims are vastly inflated – January 18, 2023: <http://bit.ly/3DGkCa3>
- g. Phys Org - No debate anymore: Climate change makes extreme weather worse, federal scientists say – January 11, 2023: <http://bit.ly/311BZVt>

8. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion

9. Adjournment

10. Next meeting: March 16, 2023 5:15 PM at Mystic Aquarium's Milne Center



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

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*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.*