



**Climate Change Task Force**  
**Town of Stonington**  
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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

March 16, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: February 16, 2023 Regular meeting; February 10, 2023 & February 23, 2023 joint subcommittee meetings.
3. Correspondence:
  - a. Patti Burmahl email of 03/02/23 regarding FOIA training.
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 (town planner resigned eff. March 3)
  - b. Community Outreach – Continuing (S. Hibbard)
  - c. EDC joint meeting (S. Lynch) – see minutes from meetings.
  - d. Letter to BOS / BOF / BOE (BOF / BOS recognized in correspondence)
  - e. Possible meeting with Westerly sustainability personnel (S. Hibbard)
  - f. What to do next?
5. Status Update:
  - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – February 21, 2023 meeting minutes: <https://bit.ly/3EL5gSh> Adopted a mission statement: “The purpose is to prevent, correct and arrest erosion and flood damage within the boundaries of the Town.”
  - b. New position approved in budget: Grants and Floodplain Manager (job being modified to drop Floodplain Manager – job description re-posted).
6. Grant opportunities:
  - a. From PACE newsletter: Community Connectivity Grant Program Funding Open to Improve Pedestrian Safety and Access - The CT DOT announced its third solicitation for the Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP). This program is an infrastructure improvement program that provides funding for local initiatives to improve the safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users in urban, suburban, and rural communities. The funding limits



for grants awarded in this solicitation are between \$100,000 and \$800,000.

Grant applications are available on the Community Connectivity portal and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023. <http://bit.ly/3ZfX3xy>

- b. From PACE newsletter: The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program assists states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency. Local governments and Tribes can apply through January 31, 2024. **Pre-award information sheet due by April 28, 2023.** Webinar: <http://bit.ly/3lwVCUn>
  - c. From Judy Anderson, Community Consultants: Nature-based solutions funding database (National Wildlife Federation): <http://bit.ly/3kuxtpO>
  - d. From CT DEEP monthly climate email: Coastal Resilience Funding Opportunities for Connecticut webinar (March 17, 2023, 1– 2 PM) <http://bit.ly/3kFLssZ>
  - e. From LIS Sustainable & Resilient Communities email (Deb Abibou): Comprehensive List of Current and Future Funding opportunities: <https://bit.ly/3L1haeF>
  - f. From sustainableCT email: CT Communities Challenge Grant Round 3: \$1M to \$10M per project. <http://bit.ly/3ZqzoKW>
  - g. From Clean Energy Group email: What Nonprofits Need to Know about the Investment Tax Credit: <http://bit.ly/3YyfTyN> 30% credit for approved projects completed prior to 2033 *(includes municipalities)*
7. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
- a. CTnewsjunkie.com - Bronx Residents Got Rid of Their Gas Stoves. Their Air Quality Markedly Improved – February 24, 2023 <http://bit.ly/3Y4vYMK>
  - b. The Day - Stonington Town Hall heating system work to start this spring – February 27, 2023 <http://bit.ly/3SCYsft>
  - c. From CIRCA March update: UCONN Magazine Spring Edition: So Hot – February 14, 2023 <http://bit.ly/3ZuZTi1>
  - d. The Guardian – ‘Everyone Should Be Concerned’: Antarctic Sea Ice Reaches Lowest Levels Ever Recorded – March 4, 2023: <http://bit.ly/3ygWxDR>
8. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
9. Adjournment
10. Next meeting: April 20, 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.*