



**Climate Change Task Force**  
**Town of Stonington**  
152 Elm Street  
Stonington, Connecticut 06378

**Officers**

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*Chairman*

MaryEllen Mateleska  
*Secretary*

**Members**

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Julia Parry

Sharon Lynch

Francis Pandolfi

Michael Serra

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

April 20, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: March 16, 2023 Regular meeting
3. Correspondence:
  - a. Patti Burmahl multiple emails regarding FOIA training May 1, 2023
- 6:00 PM – Stonington Schools District Office.
  - b. Letter from First Selectman to Mystic Aquarium dated April 3, 2023 regarding Stonington Energy Fair.
4. Tasking:
  - a. Zoning regulations – unsure of status as no meeting minutes or video of recent meetings posted – may be waiting on new planner.
  - b. Community Outreach – Continuing (S. Hibbard)
  - c. Stonington Energy Fair – recap  
<https://www.stoningtonenergy.com/>
  - d. Invite with at least one Westerly sustainability personnel – May CCTF meeting (S. Hibbard)
  - e. PACE – The Path to 100% Handbook: <https://bit.ly/3UENkPU>
5. Status Update:
  - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Adopted a mission statement: “The purpose is to prevent, correct and arrest erosion and flood damage within the boundaries of the Town.” Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website
6. Staffing: Grants Manager, Town Planner, DPW Director no longer posted (perhaps that means the town is closer to filling those positions?)
7. Grant opportunities:
  - a. From PACE newsletter: energizeCT Community Partnership Initiative Overview (too late for this year) <https://bit.ly/3MN3rZN>
  - b. From NEEP’s Community Federal Working Group email: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Competitive Funding Announcement <https://bit.ly/3KJ3za3>

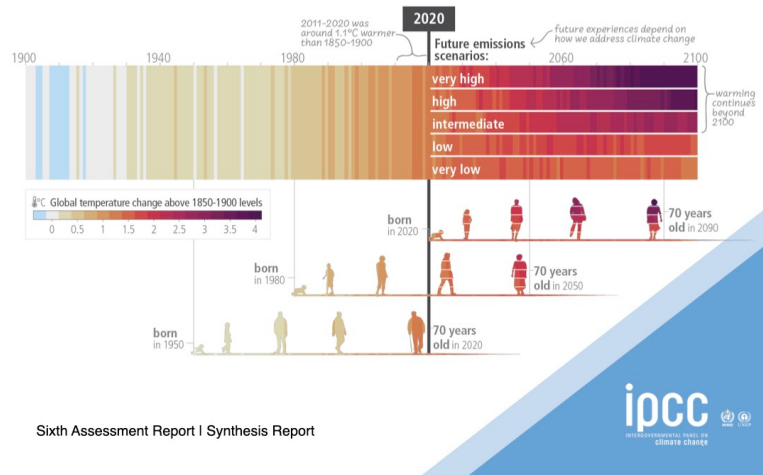


8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:

- a. From CIRCA: Resilient Connecticut Innovative Design Workshop, May 15, 2023, UCONN Avery Point, 9:30 AM – 3:45 PM <https://bit.ly/3UE9IOW>
- b. Sustainable CT Coffee Hour: Sustainability and Climate Change Communications and Messaging – April 21, 2023 10:00 AM <http://bit.ly/3nQMXFQ>
- c. Yale Climate Communications – April 10, 2023: Bubble trouble: Climate change is creating a huge and growing U.S. real estate bubble <https://bit.ly/43GhI0r>
- d. IPCC Synthesis Report – March 31, 2023 <https://bit.ly/SRYRpt23>

## Adverse impacts from human-caused climate change will continue to intensify

The extent to which current and future generations will experience a hotter and different world depends on choices now and in the near-term.



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

10. Adjournment

11. Next meeting: May 18, 2023 5:15 PM at Mystic Aquarium’s Milne Center



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82400130006?pwd=N1p2SHFjWWWhIV3JZSHlvMWt3YWZRRQT09>

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.*