



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

May 18, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: April 20, 2023 Regular meeting
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Series of emails / notifications regarding May 4, 2023 first selectman's meeting with town staff regarding "Energy - Facilities Discussion".
4. Tasking:
 - a. FOIA training session - summary.
 - b. Zoning regulations – one or two more months of Phase I. Public input in Phase II. PZC chair mentioned maybe sending draft to "climate committee" before Phase I ends.
 - c. Community Outreach – First selectman changed format – item will be removed from agenda (S. Hibbard)
 - d. Stonington Energy Fair / S. Lynch list discussion (see separate documents)
 - e. Invite with at least one Westerly sustainability personnel – postponed until at least June CCTF meeting (S. Hibbard)
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 (interviews were being held), Town Planner, DPW Director (heard indirectly that new planner & DPW director will start soon).
7. Grant opportunities:
 - a. DOE – Renew America's Nonprofits grant: <https://bit.ly/3nU8Owz>
 - b. New England Food Vision Prize grant (forwarded to appropriate town personnel): <https://bit.ly/42TxvrB>

8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:

- a. From PACE newsletter: Enko Chem begins clean-energy project projected to save \$10M over 20 years <https://bit.ly/3I5IMwT>
- b. From PACE newsletter / CIRCA email: Two-part webinar series on Municipal Energy Resilience – June 7 & 14, 2023 – noon to 1 PM. Sign up through their website calendar.
- c. From IREJN – Two webinars: Monday, May 22 - 7:00 pm - Energy Efficiency for Houses of Worship <https://bit.ly/3I6ji2A> Wednesday, June 7 - 7:00 pm - All About Heat Pumps for Religious Communities. Learn about the significant opportunities to install heat pumps at your house of worship and your home. <https://bit.ly/3nX98KX>
- d. Eversource First Thursday series (noon to 1 PM): June 1, 2023 – Multifamily Initiative; July 6, 2023 – Energy Efficiency For Municipalities.
- e. From CLCC email: Governor Announces Open Space & Community Garden/Urban Green Grant Awards and Launches next Grant Round
- f. From CIRCA email: Sustainable CT: Planning for Extreme Heat - How to Use CIRCA's Climate Change Vulnerability Index – July 13, 2023 noon to 1 PM (sign up through SustainableCT events calendar).
- g. Yale Environment 360 – May 11, 2023 - As Ocean Oxygen Levels Dip, Fish Face an Uncertain Future <https://bit.ly/3M3dVT4>
- h. CT Public - May 4, 2023 - New York state is set to ban fossil fuels in new construction starting in 2026 <https://bit.ly/3WioG8V>
- i. USA Today - May 1, 2023 - Gas leaf blowers and lawn mowers are shockingly bad for the planet. Bans are beginning to spread. <https://bit.ly/3I9HmS8>

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

10. Adjournment

11. Next meeting: June 15, 2023 5:15 PM at Mystic Aquarium's Milne Center



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82400130006?pwd=N1p2SHFjWWhlV3JZSHlvMWt3YWZlR0t09>

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.