



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

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

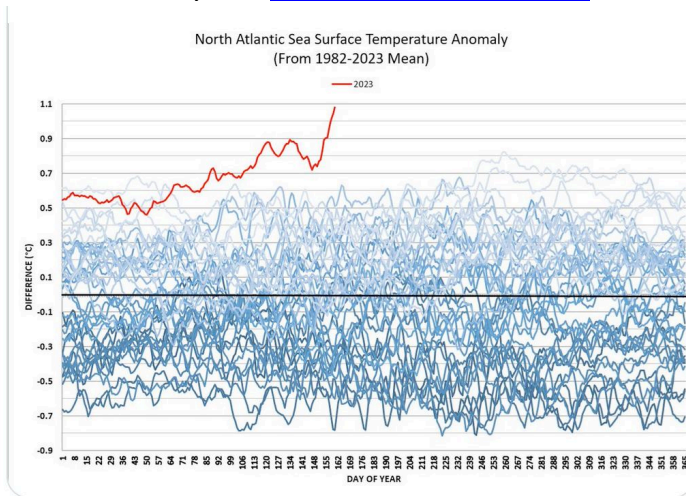
June 15, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: May 18, 2023 Regular meeting
3. Westerly sustainability personnel presentation (Alyse Oziolor and/or Nancy Letendre)
4. Correspondence: none
5. Tasking:
  - a. Zoning regulations – Phase II – approx. Aug – Sept for public info sessions and input
6. Status Update:
  - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website
7. Staffing: Grants Manager (interviews were being held), Town Planner [hired - Clifton J. Iler, AICP], DPW Director [hired - Jeff Pescosolido]
8. Grant opportunities:
  - a. From CT DEEP: Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund: <https://estuaries.org/liscif/>
  - b. From CT DEEP: Biden-Harris Administration announces \$2.6 billion framework through Investing in America agenda to protect coastal communities and restore marine resources <https://bit.ly/43OcaQG>
9. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
  - a. Propublica – June 6, 2023 - Climate Crisis Is on Track to Push One-Third of Humanity Out of Its Most Livable Environment - <https://bit.ly/3MYxU5I>
  - b. Eversource First Thursday series (noon to 1 PM): July 6, 2023 – Energy Efficiency for Municipalities.
  - c. From UCONN CIRCA – June 1, 2023: 2023 Policy Guide to Local Energy Resilience for Connecticut (draft) – separate pdf sent with agenda; presentation / slides from part 1 Municipal Energy Resilience Webinar Series <https://bit.ly/43wHTGI>



- d. Nature Conservancy Reefball Project: <https://www.reefballcollab.org/>
- e. EPA air quality: <https://www.airnow.gov>
- f. BBC News – June 8, 2023 - El Niño planet-warming weather phase has begun <https://bbc.in/3X3DkkM>
- g. The Day - May 29, 2023 - Stonington planting 161 trees in season-long celebration of Earth and Arbor days <https://bit.ly/3ClmG6i>
- h. From PACE email: CT Mirror – June 8, 2023 - Climate change all but ignored by the CT legislature in 2023 <https://bit.ly/42xEGVR>
- i. Climate Reanalyzer - <https://bit.ly/3WYYDUm>



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

11. Adjournment

12. Next meeting: June 15, 2023 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

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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.*