



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

August 17, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: July 20, 2023 Regular meeting
3. Correspondence:
 - a. C. Iler email July 27, 2023 requesting CCTF review and input of Phase I Zoning Regulations re-write (document for approval)
 - b. S. Haskell email August 10, 2023 providing notice of new member Jane Dawson was approved by the BOS.
 - c. S. Haskell email August 10, 2023 providing notice of BOS approval of the Hazardous Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan.
4. Discussion – CCTF officers (chair / secretary)
5. Tasking:
 - a. Board of Selectmen priorities:
 - i. CCTF vision for short / long term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board (document for approval)
 - ii. Develop and design a community outreach social media campaign
 - iii. Input for Phase II of zoning regulations update
 - iv. Meet with Susan Cullen on SustainableCT (met briefly – will come to meeting later in fall).
 - b. Community solar (S. Lynch)
6. Status Update:
 - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website
7. Staffing: Grants Manager – hired Molly Evak. Started July 31 (PT) / September (FT).
8. Report: Preliminary Engineering Report Holmes Street Seawall – Innovative Design for Climate Resilience (pdf sent separately)



9. Draft report: 2023 Hazardous Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (Stonington portion) – <https://bit.ly/3YqPpB8>
10. Grant opportunities:
 - a. SeaGrant Sustainable and Resilient Communities email (pdf sent separately as there were many).
11. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
 - a. CT Mirror – August 2, 2023 - Climate change has hit CT hard this year. Are we ready for more? <https://bit.ly/3YkAWXj>
 - b. Documentary film: The Last House Standing <https://www.thelasthousestanding.org/movie>
Follow the simple steps like you're renting the film, and use the promo code "MAKEITBETTER" to get the film for free.
 - c. The Day – August 4, 2023 - Electric vehicle charging stations could be coming to East Lyme Town Hall – 2 level 3 (fast charge) proposed for town hall using federal pandemic relief funds and rebates from Eversource energy.
 - d. The Day – August 2, 2023 - Montville will reap \$800,000 from landfill solar array – 1,700 panels on 2.7 acres generating enough to power 132 homes. The town hired Titan Energy to evaluate the proposal from Verogy that will pay \$40,000 / year for 20 years.
 - e. Risk Factor website: <https://riskfactor.com/> Now has wind and heat factors in addition to flood and fire.
 - f. From PACE email: UCONN Today – July 25, 2023: UConn and Bridgeport Partner for Greener Schools <https://bit.ly/3OmaV5u>
 - g. From PACE email: Renewable Energy Magazine: July 27, 2023: Verogy Announces Completion of Solar Project at Mystic Aquarium <https://bit.ly/3s6QzW4>
 - h. From CT DEEP Climate email: Governor Lamont Announces Connecticut Adopting Clean Air Car and Truck Emission Standards To Reduce Air Pollution, Protect Public Health, Promote Development – July 26, 2023 <https://bit.ly/3On0sGE>
 - i. From WBUR - August 8, 2023 - Eversource leaves the American Gas Association to focus on 'decarbonization' <https://wbur.fm/3YBd6Xy>
12. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
13. Adjournment
14. Next meeting: September 21, 2023 5:15 PM at Mystic Aquarium's Milne Center



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82400130006?pwd=N1p2SHFjWWwhIV3JZSHIvMWt3YWZSRQT09>

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.