



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
August 18, 2022 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

THE MILNE CENTER RECOMMENDS INDOOR ATTENDEES WEAR A MASK BUT IT IS NO LONGER REQUIRED

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Correspondence:
 - a. July 26, 2022 email to selectmen regarding CT DEEP Volkswagen grant program for municipal electric vehicle charging stations (link below).
3. Tasking:
 - a. Zoning regulations – will hold monthly meetings with PZC; two phases; public input in phase II beginning in 2023.
 - b. Community Outreach – Continuing (S. Hibbard)
 - c. People’s Action For Clean Energy – updates (J. Parry)
 - d. EDC interest in joint meeting (S. Lynch) – Sharon met with Kevin Bowdler on July 11, 2022 – focus on one theme for now: solar energy applications
4. Status Update:
 - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – no meeting scheduled (probably not sooner than October)
 - b. New position approved in budget: Grants and Floodplain Manager (job not yet posted).
 - c. Sample Employee Handbook – forwarded to Board of Selectmen December 16, 2021 (under development per J. Strunk [Feb. 17, 2022])
 - d. Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – USDA/NRCS (D. Unites representative)
 - e. Update on discussion of solar field at the transfer station (town needs to find new contractor – per J. Strunk [Feb. 17, 2022])
 - f. Status of input from department heads for Climate Action Plan (referenced in First Selectman’s email to the CCTF on July 1, 2021) – waiting on draft from First Selectman
 - g. Stonington Curriculum review (S. Lynch & R. Newton) – met with superintendent office (M. Butler / T. Smith on June 29, 2022. Follow-up meeting August 17, 2022) <https://bit.ly/3cfqigt>

- h. SustainableCT Climate Leader Designation (PILOT) <https://bit.ly/3Rlf7gw>
- 5. Grant opportunities:
 - a. CT DEEP EV Charging Stations <https://bit.ly/3vmfAvu>
- 6. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
 - a. New government website on heat: <https://www.heat.gov/>
 - b. Phys.org – Small green spaces can help cities cool during heat waves – June 9, 2022: <https://bit.ly/3OTmH5s>
 - c. New Stonington Fresh website: <https://bit.ly/3BxUE8E>
 - d. Planet – The Atlantic – Congress Just Passed A Bill Climate Bill. No, Not That One – August 10, 2022: <https://bit.ly/3C5B97K>
 - e. Yale Environment 360 – Experts: Senate Passed Bill Will Yield A Myriad Of Climate Benefits – August 8, 2022: <https://bit.ly/3w5uzu9>
 - f. Yale Climate Connections - Electrifying transportation reduces emissions AND saves massive amounts of energy – August 7, 2022: <https://bit.ly/3SRqMKI>
 - g. NPR Climate - The Arctic is heating up nearly four times faster than the whole planet, study finds – August 11, 2022: <https://n.pr/3bXAoD6>
- 7. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
- 8. Adjournment
- 9. Next meeting: September 15, 2022 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

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.