



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
September 15, 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. Guest: Alicia Tyson <https://seagrant.uconn.edu/person/alicia-tyson/>
3. Guest: Darcy Young (via zoom) <https://www.nbep.org/>
4. Correspondence:
 - a. August 22, 2022 email from first selectman mentioning her conversation with Darcy Young - Narragansett Bay Estuary Program.
 - b. September 1-2, 2022 emails to / from first selectman et. al. regarding subcommittee meeting guidance.
5. Minutes for approval: August 18, 2022 Regular meeting; September 7, 2022 joint subcommittee meeting.
6. Tasking:
 - a. Zoning regulations – will hold monthly meetings with PZC; two phases; public input in phase II beginning in 2023 – recordings available on youtube channel.
 - b. Community Outreach – Continuing (S. Hibbard)
 - c. People’s Action For Clean Energy – Sept. 10 table at farm market
 - d. EDC joint meeting (S. Lynch) – see notes from September 7, 2022 meeting.
7. 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) – first selectman stated resource issue (via J. Parry)
 - 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 was cancelled) <https://bit.ly/3cfqigt>
 - h. School solar research project – (M. Serra)
 - i. Propose zoning regulations change to require solar on all new construction.
8. Grant opportunities:
- a. Eversource First Thursday webinar series.
 - b. From CIRCA September email: Connecticut DEEP Seeks Applicants for Electric Vehicle Funds
 - Proposals Due: September 30, 2022 - Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is seeking grant proposals from municipalities, organizations, and businesses for electric vehicle supply equipment installation projects. Up to \$4 million will be available for grants (funds come from the Volkswagen Settlement’s Environmental Mitigation Trust). The program will pay for up to 100% of the cost to purchase, install and maintain eligible light duty electric vehicle supply equipment that will be available to the public at a government-owned property.
9. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
- a. From CIRCA September email: Wozniak-Brown, J. 2022. Gaps and Opportunities for Local Resilience Planning in Connecticut. UConn Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation. <https://doi.org/10.56576/WXNJ9369>
 - b. Grist – August 29, 2022 - Kids need to learn about climate in every classroom, every subject - <https://bit.ly/3RxefLt>
 - c. New climate website: Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation - <https://bit.ly/3qr0OR5>
10. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
11. Adjournment
12. Next meeting: October 20, 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.