

# CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

## Town Of Stonington

### AGENDA

#### Special Meeting

**NEW LOCATION:** District Office (former Pawcatuck Middle School)  
September 16, 2021 – 7:00 pm

**Note: per First Selectman's direction, virtual meetings are no longer permitted. Meeting location was also changed by First Selectmen to allow for proper social distancing**

#### **PER ORDER OF FIRST SELECTMAN ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A MASK**

1. Call to order 7:00 PM
2. Approval of draft special meeting minutes: June 15, 2021
3. Correspondence:
  - a. email to Selectman Strunk from CCTF Chair providing chair's initial views on budget items dated 072821
  - b. email from First Selectman Chesebrough to CCTF Chair and other selectmen forwarding list of items in Senate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act dated 081121
  - c. email from First Selectman Chesebrough to all board chairs stating masks must be worn by all attendees of town meetings effective August 2, 2021 (email dated August 25, 2021)
  - d. email from Patti Burmahl as requested by Selectman Strunk regarding Town of Stonington Capital Improvement Program for FY 2022-2023 dated August 30, 2021 (attachments forwarded separately)
4. Priorities list requested by Board of Selectmen – sent to BOS via email May 21, 2021 – no response, no BOS discussion in meeting minutes or acknowledgement of receipt in correspondence section of BOS minutes
5. Proposed changes to Flood, Erosion and Control Board town ordinance (draft) - sent to BOS via email July 16, 2021 – no response, no BOS discussion in meeting minutes or acknowledgement of receipt in correspondence section of BOS minutes
6. Climate Neutrality event in Stonington – UCONN student project – project discontinued
7. Town of Stonington 2022-2023 budget recommendations from Climate Change Task Force regarding climate crisis issues
8. Selectman Strunk's task list (see attachment to June 15, 2021 minutes)
9. EV Charging Stations: ZBA approved a request from Tesla for three supercharging stations (80% charge in 30 minutes) on Village Farm Road / Coogan Blvd. on August 10, 2021.
10. Grant opportunities:
  - a. CT DEEP Volkswagon Grant Round 3 – sent to BOS 082021
  - b. Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program – applications due to CT state FEMA office by November 29, 2021. 25% local cost share / period of performance 36 to 48 months. Sent to BOS 071621

11. Public awareness / outreach / conferences

- a. Governor's Council of Climate Change Meeting – September 21 9AM  
<https://bit.ly/3A73AOM>
- b. UCONN CIRCA video and website: 10 Steps To Municipal Resilience  
<https://bit.ly/3C65P5C>
- c. UCONN CIRCA webinar – September 27, 2021 12PM “Crafting Competitive Proposals for the National Coastal Resilience Fund and Beyond”  
<https://bit.ly/3z5Y915>
- d. NOAA article “Release of the IPCC 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report Working Group 1” – August 1, 2021. Major change from previous reports is that “climate change is affecting nearly every part of the planet, and human activities are unequivocally the cause”. <https://bit.ly/39go9g1>
- e. “Environmental Critical Zones / Youth Voices: Reading the Wrack Lines” (separate pdf)

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

13. Adjournment

Stonington residents and others with an interest are invited to attend the monthly meetings and participate in the discussions

*“The climate crisis will be orders of magnitude worse than the pandemic if we do not take the action that we can still take to avert the tragedy that we see coming towards us” -Tom Rivett-Carnac (Ted Radio Hour / Climate Mindset / May 22, 2020)*