



Climate Change Task Force

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AGENDA

Joint Special Meeting – Board of Selectmen & Climate Change Task Force

District Office (former Pawcatuck Middle School)

October 21, 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: September 30, 2021
3. Correspondence: email from Leslie Packer dated October 5, 2021 requesting 2022 meeting schedule
4. Discussion: Climate crisis issues relating to Stonington
5. Status Update: Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – USDA/NRCS (D. Unites representative)
6. 2022 Meeting Schedule
7. Grant opportunities: no new
8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
 - a. Yale Environment 360 – September 14, 2021 – Young People Are Experiencing Widespread Anxiety About Climate Inaction, Study Finds <https://bit.ly/3luXDpY>
 - b. GVWire - California: Newsom Signs Law Banning Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment <https://bit.ly/3oTHyw4>
 - c. NBC News: Biden Administration Releases Alarming Reports On Climate Change Challenges <https://nbcnews.to/3Dtefv8>
 - d. Money - October 1, 2021 – Flood Insurance Rates Just Went Up For Millions Of Homeowners <https://bit.ly/308zuNB>
 - e. First Street Foundation – October 11, 2021 – Highlights From “Infrastructure On The Brink” <https://bit.ly/2YJNhJG>
 - f. PBS – October 7, 2021 – The U.S. will develop a federal heat standard for the first time. Here's what advocates and labor experts want <https://to.pbs.org/3oVfBnu>
 - g. CNBC - September 22, 2021 - Department of Energy chief says 'our hair should be on fire' after summer of widespread climate disasters <https://cnb.cx/3FEOO4X>
 - h. The Guardian - October 14, 2021 – The Climate Disaster [Is Here](#)

<https://bit.ly/30rhkHc>

- i. Save The Sound – October 13, 2021 - Press Release: Momentum for TCI Grows as Connecticut Municipalities Pass Resolutions in Support of Transportation & Climate Initiative

<https://bit.ly/3p18NVs>

- j. CT DEEP Releases Final Zero Carbon Electric Supply Plan (Integrated Resources Plan) – October 14, 2021 - <https://bit.ly/3j57eIK>

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

10. 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)

Decision tree for four major funding sources (full video on UCONN CIRCA's youtube channel – Crafting Competitive Proposals for NCRF and beyond – September 27, 2021)

- NFWF - National Coastal Resilience Fund
- FEMA – Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- NFWF – Long Island Sound Futures Fund
- EPA – Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Finding the most appropriate funding source for you

