



Climate Change Task Force

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – REV. 1

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Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium
November 18, 2021 – 5:15 pm

**PER ORDER OF FIRST SELECTMAN AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MILNE
CENTER ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A MASK**

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Approval of draft special joint meeting minutes: October 21, 2021
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Email to First Selectmen from CCTF Chair requesting status updates of the following:
 - Status of populating the Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board
 - Status of establishing and populating a Stormwater Authority
 - Update on discussion of solar field at the transfer station
 - Status of input from department heads for Climate Action Plan (referenced in First Selectman's email to the CCTF on July 1, 2021)
4. Tasking:
 - a. Justification for creating new position: Climate Sustainability and Floodplain Manager
 - b. Zoning regulations
 - i. Cambridge MA – Sustainable Design and Development and Transfer of Development Rights Regulations
 - ii. Chatham MA – prevents residences in floodplains
 - iii. American Planning Association – Electric Vehicles Are On The Rise – Is Your City Ready <https://bit.ly/3wSb879>
 - c. Community Outreach
 - d. Mission Statement
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 announcements but Infrastructure Bill should produce new announcements (ex. \$100M designated for Long Island Sound)

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8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:

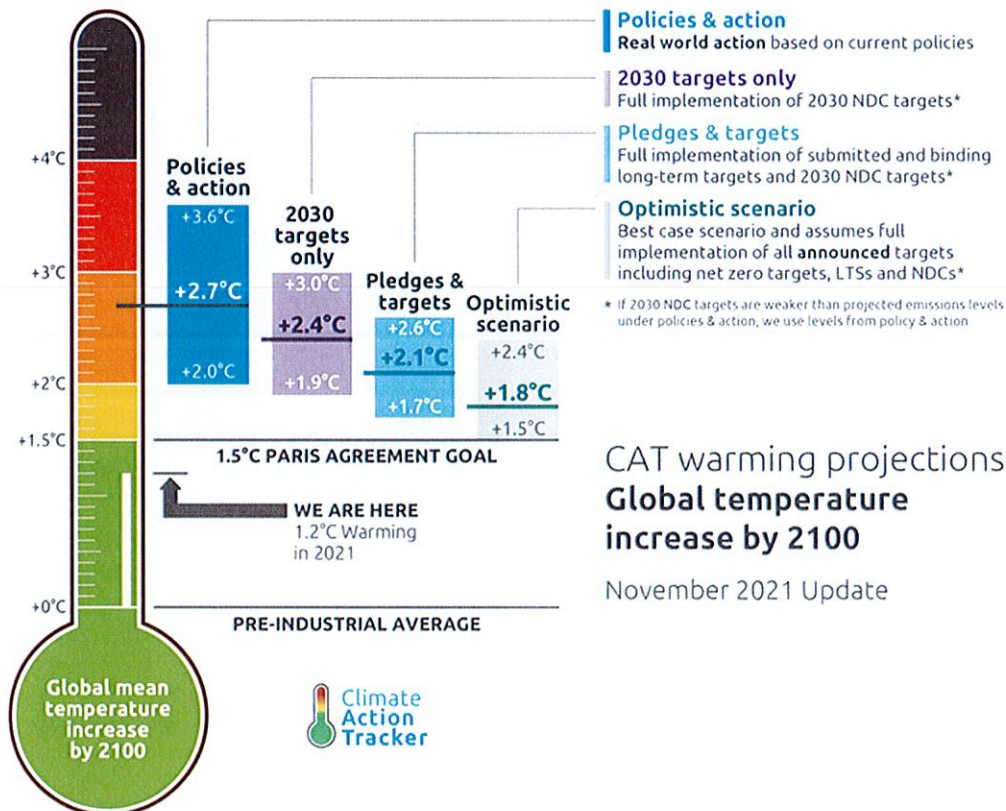
- a. UN Emissions Gap Report – October 26, 2021 – world on track for global temperature rise of 2.7°C by end of the century - <https://bit.ly/3nyM9Se>
- b. Climate Action Tracker – Glasgow’s 2030 Credibility Gap: Net Zero’s Lip Service To Climate Action – November 09, 2021 - <https://bit.ly/30jkc8T>
- c. CNN - These World Heritage Forests have gone from removing carbon from the atmosphere to emitting it – October 29, 2021 - <https://cnn.it/3HkUB0w>
- d. CT Examiner - TCI a Needed Source of Matching Dollars for Infrastructure, Says Environmental Watchdog – November 12, 2021 - <https://bit.ly/3kDveNI>

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)



CAT warming projections
Global temperature increase by 2100
 November 2021 Update