



**Climate Change Task Force**  
**Town of Stonington**  
152 Elm Street  
Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

July 20, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: June 15, 2023 Regular meeting
3. Correspondence:
  - a. June 15, 2023 email to town board chairs from Patti Burmahl regarding ADA compliance.
  - b. June 15, 2023 email from Danielle Chesebrough regarding CCTF tasking (see item 4 below).
  - c. July 4, 2023 email from C. Houlihan (Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control board regarding possible collaboration on a series of public meetings pertaining to chronic flooding conditions in resident's neighborhoods.
  - d. July 5, 2023 email from Town of Groton inviting interested parties to meeting on July 18, 2023 on Heat Vulnerability (announcement previously forwarded)
4. Tasking:
  - a. Board of Selectmen priorities:
    - i. CCTF vision for short / long term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board
    - ii. Develop and design a community outreach social media campaign (see: <https://wee.green/> and <https://powersmartguilford.wee.green/> )
    - iii. Input for Phase II of zoning regulations update
    - iv. Meet with Susan Cullen on SustainableCT Climate Leader Designation <https://sustainablect.org/actions-certifications/climate-leader>
  - b. Community solar (S. Lynch)
5. Status Update:
  - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website

6. Staffing: Grants Manager (?? – requested status update June 22, 2023 – no response)
7. Grant opportunities:
  - a. CIRCA fact sheet: Energy Opportunities for Connecticut Municipalities in the Inflation Reduction Act <https://bit.ly/3rABBY9>
8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
  - a. CIRCA Change Climate Vulnerability Index: <https://resilientconnecticut.uconn.edu/ccvi/>
  - b. The Guardian – July 4, 2023 - Toyota claims battery breakthrough in potential boost for electric cars - <https://bit.ly/3JY0ALm>
  - c. CT DEEP – June 28, 2023 - DEEP Launches States First Electric Bike Voucher Program - <https://bit.ly/43nji68>
  - d. From CFPA’s Connecticut Woodlands Magazine – Summer 2023 – A global survey (2021) by The Lancet Planetary Health of 16- to 25-year-olds found that:
    - i. More than 50% reported feeling sad, anxious and afraid when thinking about climate change.
    - ii. 68% said the future was frightening.
9. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
10. Adjournment
11. Next meeting: August 17, 2023 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

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*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.*