



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 21, 2023 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: August 17, 2023 Regular meeting
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Series of emails from Bill Hobbs, Stonington Garden Club Conservation Committee inquiring about collaboration
 - b. August 23, 2023 email from First Selectman regarding any priorities for Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Energy and Environment Committee that she co-chairs.
 - c. September 7, 2023 email from First Selectman requesting a representative to attend the POCD Implementation Committee meetings.
 - d. September 14, 2023 from Sally Duplice regarding 2024 meeting schedule (vote needed)
4. Tasking:
 - a. Board of Selectmen priorities:
 - i. CCTF vision for short / long term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board (completed)
 - ii. Develop and design a community outreach social media campaign (sent one item – not posted)
 - iii. Input for Phase II of zoning regulations update (Phase I comments submitted)
 - iv. Meet with Susan Cullen on SustainableCT (met briefly – will come to meeting later in fall).
 - b. Community solar (S. Lynch)
 - c. Energy Fair 2024 vs. series of smaller information sessions on varying dates
5. Status Update:
 - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website

6. Draft report: 2023 Hazardous Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (Stonington portion) – <https://bit.ly/3YqPpB8>
7. Grant opportunities:
 - a. DEEP CERCLA 128(a)Brownfield Grant Program – Round 1 <https://bit.ly/4694SbA>
 - b. From NEEP.org email: Public Sector Funding & Technical Assistance Programs - State and Local Solution Center <https://bit.ly/44TyHfm>
8. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
 - a. UCONN Climate Corps - Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Latimer Point – 2023: <https://bit.ly/3QPUIgX>
 - b. RewiringAmerica.org – Inflation Reduction Act calculator: <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>
 - c. Stonington Free Library outdoor solar charging station (photo sent separately)
 - d. Board Of Selectmen approval of Pollinator Resolution on August 9, 2023 (pdf on First Selectman’s Sustainability website page).
 - e. PACE 2023 Solar On Schools Report: <https://bit.ly/44Xunvs>
 - f. NPR Climate news: <https://www.npr.org/sections/climate/>
 - g. From PACE email: wbur – September 14, 2023: Pilot allowing bans on new gas hookups is limited to 10 Mass. communities. There's 1 spot left <https://bit.ly/3EFGfaM>
 - h. From PACE email: CT Heat Pump Incentives video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FwHpGOzkiQ>
9. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
10. Adjournment
11. Next meeting: TBD



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.