

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

AGENDA

Special Virtual Meeting via Zoom

March 18, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Meeting connection information is at bottom of this agenda

1. Call to order 7:00 PM
2. Approval of draft special meeting minutes: February 18, 2021
3. Correspondence:
 - a. March 1, 2021 letter J. Prue to BOS forwarded from First Selectmen's office
4. Climate Emergency Declaration – update
Draft Presentation
5. Priorities list requested by Board of Selectmen
6. Draft letter to Board of Finance supporting creation of Climate Resiliency Fund and a Environmental / Climate / Flood Plain Manager position
7. Public awareness / outreach / conferences
 - a. Pending legislation proposed by governor from GC3 Near Term Recommendations Report (public hearings were held on March 8, 2021):
 - i. SB 884 - AN ACT REDUCING TRANSPORTATION-RELATED CARBON EMISSIONS. <http://bit.ly/2MYbwPa>
 - ii. HB 6441 - AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION. <http://bit.ly/3tWXHAY>
 - iii. SB 882 - AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY. <http://bit.ly/3rYpUpn>
 - b. The Westerly Sun – February 22, 2021 - North Stonington weighs adding electric tractor-trailer to town fleet <http://bit.ly/3aGkmd5>
 - c. TEDx/URI – Decoding the Language of Climate – 2 part series March 20 and April 3 – 7:30PM (free) <http://bit.ly/2NQcayr>
 - d. CIRCA Webinar: CIRCA Climate Change Vulnerability Index Webinar: Progress and New Results for Heat and Wind, March 23, 2021, 10AM to 11AM. <https://bit.ly/2NgcOF8>
 - e. eco/RI News – February 27, 2021 - Carbon Capture and Brews: Rhode Island Brewery Puts Emissions Back Into Beers <http://bit.ly/38Cw07z>
 - f. Washington Post – February 23, 2021 - The battle over climate change is boiling over on the home front <http://wapo.st/3th59Wv>

- g. Living On Earth – March 12, 2021 – Warming Planet Slows Ocean Currents
<http://bit.ly/2OW4UB9>
 - h. Town Meeting - March 13, 2021 – Resolution #4 - Seeks to authorize an agreement between the Town of Stonington and Eversource “to effectuate the installation of energy efficient products at the Stonington Schools District Office, Stonington High School, and Stonington-Pawcatuck Middle School.” Once complete will save town \$12,000 in energy costs per month.
 - i. On The Media podcast – March 12, 2021 – Home Green Home -
<http://bit.ly/3rLRsyl>
- 8. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
 - 9. 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)

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CCTF Special Meeting

Thursday, March 18·7:00 – 8:30pm

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