



Climate Change Task Force
Town of Stonington
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Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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Susan Hibbard

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for Ocean Science and Conservation – Mystic Aquarium

April 21, 2022 – 5:15 pm

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

THE MILNE CENTER RECOMMENDS INDOOR ATTENDEES WEAR A MASK BUT IT IS NO LONGER REQUIRED

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Approval of draft regular meeting minutes: March 17, 2022
3. Correspondence:
4. Tasking:
 - a. Zoning regulations – on hold until PZC / consultant have draft regulations to review
 - b. Community Outreach – Continuing (S. Hibbard)
 - c. People's Action For Clean Energy – updates (J. Parry)
 - d. EDC interest in joint meeting (S. Lynch)
5. Status Update:
 - a. Flood and Erosion Control Board – 4 applicants so far
 - b. Justification for creating new position: Title of position changed to Grants and Floodplain Manager by First Selectman at BOF 03/29/22 public hearing.
 - c. Sample Employee Handbook – forwarded to Board of Selectmen December 16, 2021 (under development per J. Strunk [Feb. 17, 2022])
 - d. Wood-Pawcatuck Rivers Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program – USDA/NRCS (D. Unites representative)
 - e. Update on discussion of solar field at the transfer station (town needs to find new contractor – per J. Strunk [Feb. 17, 2022])
 - f. Status of input from department heads for Climate Action Plan (referenced in First Selectman's email to the CCTF on July 1, 2021) – waiting on draft from First Selectman
 - g. School food recycling: <https://bit.ly/3uKGhtJ>
 - h. CCTF Priority List update
6. Grant opportunities:

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7. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
 - a. Budget update – Grants / Floodplain manager still in budget. Climate Adaptation \$20K. EV charges - \$1. Open Space fund - \$1.
 - b. SEC Proposes Rules to Enhance and Standardize Climate-Related Disclosures to Investors <https://bit.ly/370qL3n>
 - c. Town of Groton Sustainability and Resilience Manager job posting <https://bit.ly/372g7co>
 - d. Connecticut Climate Action Plan (Save the Sound / Yale) <https://bit.ly/36cw4wS>
 - e. Grist (April 8, 2022) The World's Most Ambitious Climate Goal is Essentially Out of Reach: <https://bit.ly/3LZDRgH>
 - f. New Canaanite (April 5, 2022) Two EV Charging Stations Coming to Town Hall Parking Lot <https://bit.ly/38HxFeN>
8. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
9. Adjournment
10. Next meeting: April 21, 2022 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

"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)

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.