



Climate Change Task Force
Town of Stonington
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Climate Change Task Force

Milne Center for March 21, 2024 – 5:15 pm
(Entrance is on north side of Milne Center near picnic tables)

Hybrid Format (zoom connection information below)

1. Call to order 5:15 PM
2. Minutes for approval: February 15, 2024 Regular meeting
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Stoneridge – April 26, 2024 (Rick)
 - b. Resignation – email from F. Pandolfi resigning from the CCTF.
 - c. Email Sarah Schechter forwarding slide deck from SRC Regional Funding Workshop held on March 7, 2024.
4. 2024-2025 Budget: \$500K for coastal adaptation approved by BOS cut by BOF (may consider bonding if possible) \$245K for EV charging stations cut to \$20K by BOS cut by BOF. Budget public hearing Tuesday, March 26, SHS, 7PM
5. Tasking:
 - a. Board of Selectmen priorities:
 - i. Input for Phase II of zoning regulations update (Phase II sustainability / environment / open space will be first of five topics – October to February) Virtual public presentation March 20, 2024. CIRCA announced a new tool: **Climate Resilience Zoning Library** <https://bit.ly/3FQuz5u>
 - ii. Revisit CCTF Priority List (see separate document)
 - iii. Assist in SustainableCT Climate Leader qualification: <https://bit.ly/3RIf7gw>
6. Plan of Conservation and Development update
7. Status Update:
 - a. Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board – Meeting monthly – agendas and minutes on town website
8. CT Legislative Session – Through May 8, 2024
 - a. Governor’s Legislative Proposals: <https://bit.ly/487kc9n>
 - i. Senate Bill 11 - An Act Coordinating Connecticut Resiliency Planning and Broadening Municipal Options for Climate Resilience. <https://bit.ly/42yKcJA>
 - ii. House Bill 5052 – An Act Supporting Solar Energy in Schools. <https://bit.ly/42z0bHm>

- iii. House Bill 5004 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN CLIMATE CHANGE MEASURES <https://bit.ly/3ThSKkV>
- b. Link to Environment Committee: <https://bit.ly/488jMPP>
- 9. Grant opportunities:
 - a. Current Nature-based solutions funding database (National Wildlife Federation): <http://bit.ly/3kuxtpO>
 - b. LIS Resiliency Hub (replaces LIS Sustainable & Resilient Communities: Comprehensive List of Current and Future Funding opportunities: <https://www.lisresilience.org/>)
- 10. Public awareness / outreach / conferences:
 - a. Climate One podcast on geothermal: <https://bit.ly/3VaaEau>
 - b. NPR March 4, 2024 - Getting off fossil fuels is hard, but this city is doing it — building by building <https://n.pr/3uKPSDW>
 - c. From PACE: Webinar - Laying the Groundwork for an Equitable Modern Electric Grid – March 28, 2024 12 PM. <https://bit.ly/3Vfyim5> (recording will be available)
 - d. CT News Junkie – March 15, 2024 - Connecticut Will Tap Clean Energy Technology To Find Emission-Cutting Efficiencies On Grid <https://bit.ly/3Vkt2c5>
- 11. Comments from task force members / public / open discussion
- 12. Adjournment
- 13. Next meeting: April 18, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82400130006?pwd=N1p2SHFjWWhIV3JZSHlvMWt3YWZRQT09>

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.