

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 19, 2019 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Service Room Department of Human Services

166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, Ct 06379

Present: Dana Hewson, Susan Hibbard, MaryEllen Mateleska, Rick Newton, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild and Dennis Unites,

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Absent: Jeff Callahan

Guests: Fran Hoffman

Call to order at 7:02pm

- July meeting minutes approved with corrections.
- Update that the Flood & Erosion Control Board discussion will be postponed until further notice.
- Discussion on projects that could improve the resiliency of the town considering climate factors:
 - Investment and upgrade of infrastructure that is most at risk of impact due to sea level rise and inland flooding.
 - Development of an inland resiliency plan to complement the previous sea level rise plan. This will provide a more cohesive understanding of actions needed.
 - Review of emergency shelter locations to increase the number of shelters, include pet friendly shelters, and confirm that shelters will be accessible during emergency events.
 - Identify areas of migration for significant wetland areas and revise regulations to reduce development in critical areas.
 - Invest in Grant Writer and Environmental Planner positions to be added to the town staff.
 - Collaborate with other municipalities and state agencies to protect roadway systems from flooding.
 - Include resilience planning and waste water treatment upgrades in bonds
 - Utilize the suggestions from the current resiliency plans to create a demonstration project.

- Funding is available through Sustainable CT (<https://sustainablect.org/>) through a Community Match Fund which could support a community resiliency project.
- Discussion on Stonington Solar Facility and the Executive Order on Climate Change
- Review of articles in the news.
- Schedule for meetings for 2020 will remain the 3rd Thursday of the month, on a bi-monthly basis.
- Next meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Mary Ellen Mateluska