

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 21, 2019 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Service Room Department of Human Services
166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

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

Town Liaison: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Absent: Jeff Callahan, Dana Hewson

Guests: Danielle Chesebrough, Fran Hoffman

Call to order at 7:00pm

- September meeting minutes approved with corrections.
- Task Force representatives attended the Capital Improvement Program public meeting and suggested to rename the budget line item from Capital Resiliency Program to Climate Resiliency Program, increase funding, and upgrade the priority rating level to “B”. Additional support at future meetings is encouraged.
- First Selectman, Danielle Chesebrough, requested any resiliency related improvements to be considered for inclusion into the budget to be emailed prior to the end of 2019.
- Discussion with First Selectman on town priorities and upcoming project for Climate Change Task Force. Discussion points included:
 - Increase of coordination of climate and resiliency project at the town level and identify overlapping priorities among the various Town Committees and Task Forces. In response, Town staff will work to schedule meetings, as needed, to discuss these topics.
 - Utilization of the Task Force members’ expertise to create recommended prioritization of resiliency projects – to include timelines, plans, external funding opportunities, and community outreach. Working groups can be developed to increase work on these projects.
 - Discussion on current and upcoming funding opportunities for resiliency projects and how to use resources to make the Town more competitive for large grants.
- Review of articles in the news.

- Comments from the public – A representative from People’s Action for Clean Energy (PACE) spoke of upcoming climate-based presentations in November in Hartford and New London.
- Next meeting is Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Mary Ellen Matteska