

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 18, 2018 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton, Dana Hewson, MaryEllen Mateleska

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Guests: Fred Wagner, Amanda Barnes, Max Wojtas, Westerly Sun representative

Call to order at 7:00pm

- November meeting minutes approved as amended
- Wood-Pawcatuck Scenic River Designation Presentation by Fred Wagner. Fred discussed the designation process and highlighted the benefits to Stonington in supporting the application for designation of the Pawcatuck River under the Wild & Scenic River Bill. A request for a letter of support from the Task Force was requested to submit with the application in late 2018.
- Discussion on the potential direction of the Climate Change Task Force including tasks, projects, public outreach and advocacy roles, and development into a Board or Commission. Following the review of other Connecticut town energy and climate related boards; including Stonington's already established Flood & Erosion Control Board, it was decided to continue the discussion at the March meeting to include input for other Task Force members.
- Task Force members are exploring the possibility of including ad-hoc non-voting members. In particular, a Stonington High School student who is interested in becoming involved as a formal member of the group.
- Update from Susan Hibbard on the recent regional climate and resiliency workshop. Request was made to include funds in the budget to support members to attend climate related workshops and seminars.
- Discussion on latest trends in energy and climate related news items as well as local climate talks and presentations
- Next meeting March 15, 2018 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM

Mary Ellen Mateleska