

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2018 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Susan Hibbard, Rick Newton, Jeff Callahan, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Dana Hewson, MaryEllen Mateleska,

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Pending Ad Hoc Member: Max Wojtas

Call to order at 7:00pm

- January meeting minutes approved
- Discussion on the future direction of task force
 - Scot updated the task force on conversation with lawyer and options of remaining a Task Force, propose the creation of a Climate Change Commission, or roll into Flood and Erosion Control Board (FECB)
 - Additional information on FECB was shared with the assumption that the board was adopted in 1961, consisted of 5 members, Pawcatuck Flood Protection System, and potentially change the scope to include climate change impacts.
 - Discussion on what does the task force really want to do or not want to do; outreach, turn into a more structured board, support grant funding, etc.
 - Suggestion will be made to reinstate the Flood and Erosion Control Board but to broaden the scope of work and power to include implementation of changes to support climate change initiatives to ultimately create a more resilient coastline and waterways.
 - Suggested changes to letter to be sent to the town.
 - MaryEllen will contact Greenwich, Branford, Old Lyme and Waterford's Flood and Erosion Control Boards to inquire on their function.
- Review letter of support to have PZC staff to incorporate the Coastal Resilience Plan. Motion passed to submit the letter to the meeting.
- Discussion on items in the news
- Update from Max that there is no reason that students under 18 cannot be an acting member on a task force. He will complete the online application.
- Next meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM

Mary Ellen Mattilusta