

# CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

## Town Of Stonington

### Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 20, 2018 - 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, Dennis Unites,

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer, Keith Brynes, AICP, CZET – Town Planner

Absent: Jeff Callahan, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Max Wojtas

Guests: Kristin Thomas – Conway School, Adam Whelchel – The Nature Conservancy, Cary White – The Nature Conservancy

Call to order at 7:00pm

- July meeting minutes approved
- Presentation by Kristin Thomas from the Conway School (<https://www.csld.edu/>) on Master of Science in Ecological Design graduate students to perform two small group projects that would advance the plan outlined in the ARUP created Coastal Resilience Plan for Stonington.
  - Projects would visualize steps to achieve a more resilient “coastal” and “inland” Mystic.
  - Students would present at two public meetings throughout the winter term with the goal to open pathways of communication between community members and garner support for the future implementation of short term and long term solutions.
  - The project period of 12 weeks, January through March 2019 would conclude with a formal presentation at Conway School and printed materials for the client.
  - Based on an established relationship between The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Conway School, TNC would cover all project costs.
  - Information regarding the projects will be discussed during upcoming town employee meeting for final approval and to identify the project liaison to represent the Town of Stonington.
  - Motion was made and unanimously approved by Climate Change Task Force to support the project if approved.
- No response has been received in regards to the letter sent to the First Selectmen in support of recommendation to staff and fund the Flood and Erosion Control Board. A

letter will be sent with a request to add this recommendation to the 2015 Plan of Conservation and Development

- Finalization of the 2019 Climate Change Task Force meeting calendar
- Review of Public Outreach resources
  - Review of documents, created by Susan Hibbard and Dennis Unites, which engage the community in preparedness strategies
  - Scot Deledda distributed the *Town of Stonington & Stonington Borough Flood Awareness Newsletter* and other Public Works generated documents
  - Task Force members will create an inventory of items currently on the Stonington town website and develop a plan to integrate this information on to the Climate Change Task Force webpage.
- Discussion on items in the news.
- Next meeting is Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

*Mary Ellen Matilaska*