CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting September, 21 2017 - 7:00 pm

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

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

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Guests: Stonington High School Students

Call to order at 7:00pm

May meeting minutes approved

- Review on CT Department of Housing Planning Grant final meeting and report
 - o Final report illustrates a significant sea level rise impact on the town of Stonington by 2050.
 - o Members requested the graphics and maps to be made available to the public and easily viewable.
 - Suggested that a press release be drafted to communicate that the project is complete and the report is available.
- Discussion on the need to raise climate impact concerns during Economic Development and Planning & Zoning discussions. Climate impacts should be integrated into the zoning regulations to create a resilient community.
- Task Force members will submit a letter to the Town with recommendations on how the town
 can utilize the sea level rise impact report findings and requesting input on the future direction
 of the Climate Change Task Force.
- Update that the Wood-Pawcatuck River study has been completed and the final report will be ready for dissemination shortly. The Task Force reviewed the Action Summary Sheets.
- Finalization of the 2018 Climate Change Task Force meeting schedule.
- Discussion on latest trends in energy and climate related news items as well as local climate talks and presentations
- Next meeting November 16, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM

Mary Ellen Mateliska