CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting July 19 2018 - 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, Dennis Unites, Max Wojtas

Absent: Jeff Callahan, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Dana Hewson, Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Call to order at 7:01pm

- May meeting minutes approved
 - Not response to letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending reinstating the Flood and Erosion Control Board to support climate change initiatives to ultimately create a more resilient coastline and waterways.
- Review of upcoming town meetings
 - PZD public hearing on Regulation Text Amendment to modify the definition of "Substantial Improvement" as it related to modifications to flood hazard areas and Special Use Permit to modify height limitations
- Task Force Public Outreach discussion
 - Engage the town through social media, blogs, in-person workshops and brochures
 - Topics to include: how to access information on how projected climate change/environmental changes will impact your home, hurricane preparedness/what to do during flooding events, how to improve personal property's resilience to flooding and storms, and how to engage with the town to increase climate change impact resources and protection.
 - First resource will focus on determining how climate change/environmental hazards will affect personal property. Will be reviewed at next meeting.
- Discussion on items in the news.
- Discussion on Task Force attendance bylaws and members with multiple absences.
- Next meeting is Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM

Mary Ellen Mateliska