

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Approved Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 16, 2019 - 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, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, Dennis Unites,

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Absent: Jeff Callahan, Max Wojtas,

Guests: Stonington High School students

Call to order at 7:00pm

- March meeting minutes unanimously approved
- Review of Conway School reports.
 - Reports are posted on Planning Department webpage (<http://www.stonington-ct.gov/planning-department/pages/mystic-coastal-resilience-solutions>) and include list of adaptation and mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of sea level rise and coastal flooding along the Mystic focus area.
 - Discussion on outreach and dissemination of these reports to the community, with a focus on the businesses and neighborhoods highlighted in the reports. Task Force members will forward a list of emails of those that should be included in the distribution list.
- Funds to support general coastal adaptation improvements have been included in the Capital Improvements budget.
 - To make the best use of the available funds, there is a need to consolidate information from multiple reports that outline the impact of sea level rise, coastal storm surge, and stronger coastal storms as well as impacts generated from river flooding and inland pressures.
- Flood and Erosion Control Board is an issue to be address by the Board of Selectmen once the budget process has been completed. The Flood and Erosion Control Board can have a variety of roles, advisory capacity to regulatory roles, depending on the BOS decision.
- Three Task Force representatives attended the Freedom of Information training.
- Discussion on items in the news.

- There has been an increase in climate and resilience-focused outreach and articles. It has been requested that the Task Force webpage include links to any article that is specific to this region
- Next meeting is Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Mary Ellen Matelaska