

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

February 19, 2015 – 7:00pm

Location: Community Service Room Department of Human Services

166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Present: Rick Newton, Thomas Norris, MaryEllen Mateleska, Jeff Callahan,

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, PE – Town Engineer

Ad hoc member: Robery Yust

Absent: Ed Hart, Susan Hibbard, Ian Camfield, David Rathbun

Guest: Residents: Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild, approximately 10 Stonington High School students

- Presentation by Juliana Barrett, PhD from CT Sea Grant on potential sea level rise parameters to use when creating assessment, funding opportunities, local resources to connect for community resilience guidance.
- Sea level leads to other infrastructure issue, septic systems, salt water intrusion to wells,
- Discussion on The Nature Conservancy's "Salt Marsh Advancement Zone Assessment" – which illustrated areas of marsh advancement in CT and what areas will be covered. Areas of concerns, amount of protected space needed to discount flood insurance, and the areas of unprotected parcels that are areas of interest.
- Review of draft outline of sea level rise assessment based on 1 and 4 foot rises. Task force members will craft paragraphs and letter will be drafted to inquire effected areas have plan for sea level rise.
- Capital improvement was requested for risk assessment plan and ultimately it was not supported at the requested amount. Discussion on how to use any funds acquired to create a model for one specific area by working with consultants.
- MaryEllen Mateleska has been elected as secretary and calendar has been formalized with meetings as the third Thursday of the month at 7:00
- Bylaws on attendance was unanimously approved.
- Discussion on the investigation of software that would illustrate to the community how sea level rise will impact on their home
- Adjourned at 8:44 PM

MaryEllen Mateleska