

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Town Of Stonington

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 21, 2016 - 7:00 pm

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

Present: Task Force members Jeffrey Callahan, Susan Hibbard, MaryEllen Mateleska, Rick Newton, Lyndsey Pyrke-Fairchild

Town Employee: Scot Deledda, P.E. - Town Engineer

Absent: Ed Hart

Guests:

Called to order at 7:00pm

- March meeting minutes approved as amended by the task force
- Proposals submitted in response to the planning grant have been narrowed down by the selection committee and interviews will be conducted with the top three firms. Final decisions will be made within the next month and the contract procedures will begin shortly after. All proposals included coordination with the Climate Change Task Force.
- Scot provided an update on the current ongoing climate related studies occurring throughout the town. Information on the current Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association will be disseminated to the group via email but more information can be found on the wpwa website. Meetings have occurred regarding the SeaGrant/UConn Emergency Preparedness Grant and a template is being created which will gather and distribute information to the public prior to emergencies.
- Susan provided a report out on the Rockfall Foundation seminar and included information seminar discussions on hydrology, meteorology, climate effects on fisheries and potential zoning changes, and agriculture.
- Task Force members will review the proposed Barn Island Management Plan and will work in June to submit a letter with climate related comments
- The Task Force discussed potential methods of community outreach, including letters, emails, and development of a website to house information on community resources but it was decided to postpone any outreach efforts until after the planning firm is hired and meets with the committee.
- Review on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and recent climate change focused news articles.
- No May meeting, next meeting, Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 7:00pm

Adjourn: 8:10pm

Mary Ellen Mateleska