

TOWN OF STONINGTON
FLOOD PREVENTION, CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2023 5:30 PM

Members Present: Daniel Booker, Christopher Houlihan, Robert Mohr, David Rathbun, Dennis Unites

Alternate Member Present: Eric Garofano

Town Board of Selectmen: Hon. Danielle Chesebrough

Town Staff: Clifton Iler

In Attendance: Rick Newton, Chair of the Climate Change Task Force; Members of the senior and junior classes of Stonington High School

Absent: Kathryn Burchenal

Call to Order at: 5:35 PM

- Mr. Rathbun called the meeting to order.
- Upon the motion of Mr. Garofano as seconded by Mr. Booker, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 21, 2023 were approved.

Old Business

- Mr. Iler provided an update on the Town zoning regulation revisions.
- First Selectwoman Chesebrough suggested a joint meeting of the Board, the Board of Finance, the Army Corps of Engineers representative and Town Engineer Steve Matile to discuss the Pawcatuck flood gates.
- There was no update on the discussion with the Borough Warden regarding expanding the Board's jurisdiction.

New Business

- First Selectwoman Chesebrough addressed the Board and gave a presentation proposing the Board consider undertaking a project to establish a Stormwater Utility / Stormwater Authority. Some of the steps and aspects were discussed. Mr. Matile will give a presentation at the next meeting. The Board agreed to consider taking on the project.
- The First Selectwoman asked that the Board write to the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the recurring flooding on Route 1 near the Brustolon property and the VFW Post and related area drainage issues.

- Flooding and drainage issues in the Washington Street area were discussed.
- The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan was discussed.
- The use of Connecticut Green Bank funding was raised and it was noted that there will be a Green Bank webinar on January 17, 2024 at Noon and members were urged to attend.

Comments from the Public: None

Comments from the Board: None

Upon the motion of Mr. Booker as seconded by Mr. Unites, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Houlihan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher M. Houlihan, Secretary