

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

**January 16, 2024, 5:30 PM**

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

Alternate Member Present: Kathryn Burchenal

Town Board of Selectmen: None

Town Staff: Steven Matile

Absent: Eric Garofano

Call to Order at: 5:35 PM

- Mr. Rathbun called the meeting to order.
- Upon the motion of Mr. Unites as seconded by Mr. Mohr, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023 were approved.

**Old Business**

- Dr. Burchenal reported that the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses met on December 18, 2023, and the minutes from that meeting reflect, in pertinent part:

"Town Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board

A motion by Burgess Bowdler, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve to be a part of the town-wide effort managed by FPCREC Board, delegating Borough interests in the study and mitigate flood, climate and erosion issue coming before the Boards, with the exception of Planning and Zoning related issues and recommendations that must come before the Borough Planning and Zoning Commission. Unanimously approved."

- There was no update on Town zoning regulations.
- Mr. Matile presented an in-depth description concerning stormwater utilities / stormwater authorities, the benefits and costs and the necessary steps to be taken. A general discussion followed. Among the areas discussed were public outreach, fair and equitable fee structures, and flexible and open exemption and abatement processes.

**New Business**

- None

Comments from the Public:

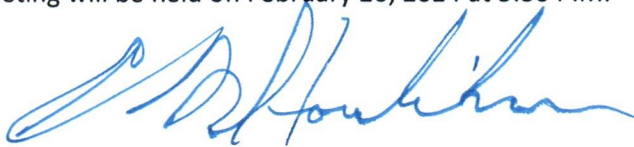
- Several residents from the Borough spoke about flooding in the Orchard Street – Salt Acres Road area. They are pursuing remedies through the Connecticut DEEP.

Comments from the Board:

- Mr. Houlihan reported:
  1. The Climate Change Task Force will be meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 5:15 P.M. The agenda indicates "... a. Board of Selectmen priorities: i. CCTF vision for short / long term goals of Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board (completed)." It is believed that town representatives will attend that meeting which can be accessed on Zoom.
  2. The FOIA information has been distributed to all Board members and alternates, and any questions should be directed to Town Hall.
  3. A Green Bank webinar will be held on January 17, 2024 from noon to 1:00 P.M.
  4. Messrs. Booker, Mohr, Unites, and Houlihan attended a meeting on January 4, 2024 at which the draft of the final report of the Downtown Mystic Resiliency Plan was discussed. The draft report is available on the Town of Groton website.

Upon the motion of Dr. Burchenal as seconded by Mr. Mohr, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.



Christopher M. Houlihan, Secretary