

AGENDA
NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 23rd, 2025, 5:15 PM

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025 at 5:15 PM on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting (6/25). A majority of the CETF (6 of 11 members) constitutes a quorum.
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff:
 - a. Community Change Grant: OCS is working with Corporation Counsel to draft subaward agreements for subaward organizations. OCS drew down funds to purchase 50 more bicycles or NHPS.
 - b. EPA Government-to-Government Environmental Justice Grant: OCS has re-activated partner organizations to resume outreach to create energy plans and enroll residents in Energize CT programs.
 - c. USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant: Grant No update
 - d. EPA [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#) – Implementation Grants: Design on the project has begun.
 - e. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA): No update.
 - f. Shellfish shell recycling program: No update.
 - g. Solar installations: Construction has begun on two solar parking canopies. Board of Alders committee approval was obtained for 4 additional solar parking canopies. Construction on the landfill solar project is expected to begin August 1st.
 - h. Styrofoam enforcement: No update.

- i. Housing Authority: No update.
- j. Electric leaf blower and grass trimmer: No update.

3. Discussion Items:

- a. Reports from City departments (outline from February 2022 below).
 - b. Action plan for items that need funding, including next steps for energy labeling.
 - c. Draft letter regarding OCS funding (Jeremy had offered to begin a draft).
- Departmental Reports on Emergency Reductions
 - *“report to the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force no later than 6 months after the effective date of this order on maximum emergency reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from their operations feasible by the end of 2021, with the highest priority placed on an equitable and just transition to all sectors.”*
 - Pairs per mtg/a couple per month
 - What are they doing, what are potential emergency reductions
 - Idea: create a survey that all the department heads fill out/ and only get in-person presentations from the major ones?
 - Questionnaire/Presentation format
 - What is under the purview of your Department?
 - What are your direct GHG emissions? What are your operational GHG emissions? What do you think are the top 5 emitters?
 - What are the maximum emergency reductions your department could do this year?

- What do you want to do?
- What are the barriers and challenges to taking on these initiatives?
- Which initiatives would be the most equitable and support a just transition?
- What are they emitting?
 - Gallons of fuel, for example
 - Energy use
- What are the sources?
- How can they reduce their direct emissions?
- How can they have the greatest impact on reducing GHG emissions in New Haven?
- What departments would/could you want to partner with to make reductions?
- GAP analysis

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