

AGENDA
NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd, 2025, 5:15 PM

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, October 22nd, 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 meetings (9/24). 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: This grant has been terminated by the EPA. The City is challenging this termination and the Government-to-Government termination. The case is the fourth circuit court of the appeals, with its next hearing scheduled for 9:30am on 10/23.
 - b. EPA Government-to-Government Environmental Justice Grant: This grant has been terminated by the EPA and is similarly being challenged.
 - c. USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant: OCS has resumed school food waste diversion and is using USDA funds to support 4 schools that were previously funded through a ReFed grant. Wilbur Cross is going to begin food scrap collection next week.
 - d. EPA [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#): Progress continues on the initial schematic design for the geothermal ground loop. Test geothermal boreholes are expected to be drilled in November due to supply chain delays.
 - e. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA): OCS and CAO are researching potential for an electric street sweeper.
 - f. Solar installations: Carport systems have been tied into electrical switch gear at both schools. Permission to operate is expected by

the end of November. Grading and ballast installation has begun on the landfill project (see drone photos [here](#)).

- g. Styrofoam enforcement: No update.
- h. Housing Authority: No update.
- i. Electric leaf blower and grass trimmer: No update.

3. Discussion Items:

- a. Environmental Justice meeting regarding Global Partners petroleum storage facility tomorrow 6:30-8:00pm at Salperto Community Center.
- b. The Task Force has approved \$7,500 for the NHPS bike education program and \$15,500 for the Climate Justice Schools program. There is \$27,000 remaining in this year's budget and Management and Budget informed us that there is a carry over of \$15,226.78 available for the Task Force to use: a total of \$42,226.78 is available.

OCS and Engineering are working on initial design of the co-collection sorting facility at the Transfer Station and need to complete some initial geotechnical drilling (\$14,250) and environmental testing to inform the design (\$5,200).

NHPS has expressed interest in purchasing a third set of bicycles, which would allow the bike education program to reach all second grade students each year. The purchase of an additional 50 bikes plus another set of helmets and hair nets would be \$15,000.

- c. Further discussion of energy labeling.
- d. Further discussion of Jeremy's draft letter.



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