

AGENDA
NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd, 2026, 5:15 PM

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 at 5:15 PM on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

1. Approval of minutes from the previous two meetings (3/25/2026). A majority of the CETF (6 of 10 members) constitutes a quorum (Linda Reeder has resigned).
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff:
 - a. Community Change Grant and EPA Government-to-Government Environmental Justice Grant: no update.
 - b. USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant: OCS is carrying out contractual updates to accommodate the 1 year timeline extension.
 - c. EPA [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#): OCS and the Green Bank have completed negotiations and finalized the language of the loan agreement between the City and the Green Bank.
 - d. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) / Volkswagen Settlement Funding: OCS and DPW are evaluating whether the City can replace a diesel street sweeper with an electric street sweeper.
 - e. Solar installations: OCS is completing project financing with Greenskies to finance the operations of the 3 solar arrays.
 - f. Styrofoam enforcement: No updates regarding the city program.
 - g. Housing Authority: No update.
 - h. Electric leaf blower and grass trimmer: No updates regarding the city program.
3. **Discussion Items:**

- a. Update on department plans:
 - i. OCS received incentive amounts from UI and is working with Parks on completing a purchase order for investment grade energy audits of priority facilities at 720 Edgewood Ave (Parks HQ), 180 Park Road (Parks Operations and Pardee Greenhouses), and 776 Whalley Ave (Coogan Pavilion). These agreements are still in progress pending assignment to an attorney.
 - ii. OCS met with new NHFD chief, Chief Coughlin. NHFD identified opportunities to electrify the fire marshal fleet and to look at energy saving opportunities in fire facility garage bay doors and fire station energy audits.
- b. Ongoing funding of climate and sustainability work.
- c. Outreach to climate and sustainability-oriented groups.

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