

**AGENDA**  
**NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASKFORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2023, 5:15 PM**

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce will meet on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 at 5:15 PM to on Zoom (see link at end of agenda) to discuss the following items:

1. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff
  - a. [E-Bike CHEAPR Rebate](#)
    - i. Today (June 28<sup>th</sup>), DEEP is launching its eBike Incentive Program, which will provide Point-of-Sale (POS) incentives to residents who purchase [an eligible ebike](#) from participating retailers. All New Haveners are eligible for the expanded Voucher+ rebate, which is equivalent to a \$1,500 discount on an ebike. The state has made \$1.5 million available for this program and will review applications after 10 days – if after 10 days the funds are exhausted, the program will prioritize applications from environmental justice communities. All of New Haven is an environmental justice community – we are prioritizing outreach within New Haven to our environmental justice neighborhoods where the need is greatest and air quality is worst.
  - b. Shellfish recycling: under development
    - i. The City is partnering with [Collective Oyster Recycling & Restoration](#) (CORR) to rescue shellfish shells (oyster, clam, etc.) from local restaurants to be reused for the restoration of oyster reefs. Outreach to restaurants is likely to begin this month, lead by CORR.
      1. CORR is seeking a paved site of .25 acres or greater to store shellfish so that they can be cured
  - c. Evaluating opportunities to install new solar arrays on landfill, schools
    - i. We are working closely with Engineering on evaluating RFP responses related to the installation of solar on City buildings (e.g. Q House, 424 Chapel and the landfill).
      1. Deadline for solar submissions in the state’s Nonresidential Renewable Energy Solutions program is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - d. Launching outreach campaign for home energy efficiency, spearheaded by two new Youth @ Work staff for the month of July
    - i. Two Youth @ Work students will join the Office of Climate and Sustainability for the month of July to spread the word about [I<3MyHome](#), [HES-IE](#), other programs that benefit low-income homeowners in need of weatherization, electrification, and other home energy efficiency improvements.
      1. Plan is to focus outreach to homeowners and owner-occupied 2-4 families in Newhallville.
  - e. Grants

- i. Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant submitted June 14<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. US Department of Transportation Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grant submitted June 13<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. US Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry submitted June 1<sup>st</sup>
  2. Update on Climate Emergency Taskforce budget
    - a. The City has signed off on an agreement with NHS to fund the I Heart My Home program with the remaining CETF budget.
  3. Discussion Item:
    - a. Continuation of discussion of how the City can best increase participation in energy efficiency with renters and landlords. Energy grading was one idea that was discussed at the last meeting. One concern is adding to the administrative burden for both the City and the property owner. A grade that doesn't require in-person inspections but is based on public data would help address this concern.
      - i. Would a label generated automatically based on publicly available data (e.g. assessment data on home age, heating systems, etc.) be a valuable starting point? What would be the best way to structure this? Could a score be generated for all properties, and publicly posted for all of them or for rentals? Or for rental properties when they are sold or listed for rent?
      - ii. Montpelier VT requires grades of all properties sold. Read more [here](#).
  4. New membership
    - a. Steve has reached out to the Mayor and President of the Board of Alders about adding Doug Hausladen, Ginger Chapman, and Lee Osorio to the CETF
    - b. If you have anyone else in mind, please share with Steve and Max.

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