

**AGENDA**  
**NEW HAVEN CLIMATE EMERGENCY TASKFORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024, 5:15 PM**

The New Haven Climate Emergency Taskforce (CETF) will meet on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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. A majority of the CETF (6 of 10 members) constitutes a quorum.
2. Project updates from the Office of Climate and Sustainability (OCS) staff
  - a. EPA Government-to-Government grant. OCS is continuing final budget negotiations with EPA and may receive an award letter in April.
  - b. I Heart My Home canvassing campaign continues. Since canvassing began, we've knocked on over 3,000 doors, and 99 participants (52 income-eligible) have enrolled and received I Heart My Home consultations. 12 participants (6 income-eligible) have received energy assessments in that time, and 21 (11 income-eligible) more participants have assessments scheduled. Some participants are part of multi-families, bring the total number of units receiving consultations to 145 (83 income-eligible units).
  - c. Healthy Homes, Clean Cooktops project is underway—all participants now have air quality monitors installed in their homes. In early March we'll distribute cooktops/cookware sets.
  - d. Funding the Climate Justice Schools program directly through New Haven Climate Movement (NHCM) for Fiscal year 2023-2024. We are working with NHCM on updating their proposal to see if can meet requirements from Corporation Counsel. The teachers for CJS will be paid through NHPS.

- e. Recycling Educator: OCS has extended an offer to a candidate for the part-time Recycling Educator role.
  - f. Solar installations. Surveying has begun at the landfill and project planning is underway for the school parking canopies.
  - g. Styrofoam enforcement: OCS and the Health Department have visited 429 restaurants and food trucks to educate them about the City's ban on the use Styrofoam products. We have recorded 130 businesses in violations of the ordinance (numbers as of 2/22).
  - h. Shellfish shell recycling program: No update for this month.
  - i. Housing Authority: has not yet completed their inventory of the mechanical systems in their portfolio buildings.
  - j. EcoPark: Public hearing at the North Haven inland wetlands commission continues on 2/28. The firm withdrew its New Haven City Plan application and intends to resubmit it.
3. Debriefing of our discussion with Laura Brown, Executive Director, City Plan Department on the intersection of zoning reforms and climate action
- a. Are there climate-related zoning items the Climate Taskforce would like us to explore in partnership with City Plan?
4. Discussion Items: Additional CETF activities this fiscal year:
- a. **Indoor Air Quality Education Event**
    - i. Per person budget for materials is \$73.50
      - 1. Filter: \$40, Fan: \$30, Weather Stripping: \$3.50
    - ii. At 20 people, plus \$50 for refreshments, the total budget is \$1,550.
    - iii. How do we get the word out about this event in a way that would produce meaningful public participation? Who would this event be aimed at? Is there a partner or partners we could collaborate with?
  - b. **Composting in City Hall**
    - i. This activity could potentially be part of the USDA grant so OCS hasn't developed a budget for it yet.
  - c. **Other ideas?**

- i. Bike education (partnering with CPEN, working with schools). Joel LaChance contacted OCS and would like to replicate this Washington DC [curriculum](#).

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