

Montague Energy Committee

November 21, 2017 6:15-7:45 PM

Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Present: Pam Hanold, Sally Pick, Ariel Elan, Tim Van Egmond.

Approve minutes 10/3/17: Sally will check for them on her computer.

Designate facilitator and scribe: Tim facilitated; Sally took minutes.

- Chart of Town facilities & which town entity controls their energy use: no report.
- Recommending a lifecycle analysis policy and solar-ready roofs for new buildings: no report but Pam will check with Jason about this.
- Discuss carbon fee & rebate resolution from Town, other MA climate legislation
 - Sally will check with Chris to see if he spoke with Steve Ellis about bringing the carbon fee and rebate resolution to the board of selectmen and/or town meeting
- Discuss DPW docket 17-05, possible impact on Town solar
 - Sally reported that Kearsage said that the net metering rate for the new solar array that they're installing for the Town would not be affected if 17-05 were to be implemented.
- Ave. A Illumination Project – color and directional shading? No report.
- How to compile a clear and specific record of what turned out to be positive about the geothermal system at the Public Safety Complex; what turned out to be unsatisfying to some users; what measures have been taken to address any deficits; how have those measures worked out; what measures still could be taken to help this system be widely viewed as a success. No report.
- Town buildings and energy use.
 - Sally reported that Berkshire Gas (the Center for EcoTechnology is doing their weatherization) is offering free walk-throughs for cost-benefit assessments for weatherizing town buildings heated with natural gas.

- Something to possibly explore when we get the chart of town facilities and their energy use.
- Schools ' oil tank replacements: no report.
- Discuss future directions, priorities of committee
 - Sally brought up HeatSmart program that Northampton is doing as an interesting project but that the committee/town may not have the people resources to organize this project.
 - Pam brought up lack of interest in joining MEC from community.
 - Rotate article in Montague Reporter on behalf of MEC?
 - MEC's recent focus on policy issues may not be as interesting to others.
 - MEC's more recent role has been to facilitate changes in Town energy use.
 - Pam personally interested in working to change personal attitudes about energy use.
 - Is resilience a relevant topic? E.g. micro grids.
- Plan agenda for next meeting

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Votes may be taken

Action item:

- Sally will look for 10/3/17 minutes on her computer and circulate them to MEC.
- Sally will check with Chris to see if he spoke with Steve Ellis about bringing the carbon fee and rebate resolution to the board of selectmen and/or town meeting.
- Pam will check with Jason about where things stand with evaluating the geothermal system at the Public Safety Complex and with the lifecycle analysis policy for the town.
- Tim will send out action item reminder $\frac{1}{2}$ way between meetings to make sure they do not fall through the cracks.
- Pam will ask if Steve Ellis might be able to attend a portion of some MEC meetings to facilitate regular communication.