

Minutes for Montague Energy Committee Meeting

Jan 14, 2014 meeting

Montage Town Hall

6:15 to 8:15

As a heads up to the committee, Richard mentioned he is now busy on Thursdays and is taking on other responsibilities.

Discussion of New members:

Tim will follow up with Joshua Epstein who recently showed interest.

By Jan 28, Chris will ask members' opinion on how they see the worth of the MEC and inquire whether other meeting times would work better for members.

Sheffield boiler:

Pam recalled that Siemens had not wanted to do anything until the whole building be assessed. CIC decided at their last meeting to move forward with a whole building assessment. At that meeting, Pam and Jason backed the idea to repair existing steam boiler as a short term measure given that it could later be converted to a hot water boiler. There is a question as to whether that could be a condensing boiler or not.

MEC is being asked to back a full audit/analysis of the school. Process would be through a state fund for schools that would get the town in line for state funds (probably with a 3 to 5 year wait) for funds to pay 70% to 90% of construction costs. (Estimated cost in the ball park of \$6M)

Pam suggests we insist that the town proceed with all due haste so that we don't face another boiler failure without a plan (the school will be operating with two rebuilt boilers), and since we would need to coordinate between town and school on: who gets savings, what we need in study, who does what in the process, and who is involved.

Also, we should look at Gill's contract to pass boiler savings onto the town.

MOTION: MEC supports beginning the process toward conducting a comprehensive life cycle cost analysis of Sheffield school that includes an energy analysis, with the proviso that MEC be kept informed and involved. Moved Chris, seconded Pam, All vote in favor

Solar site:

MOTION: MEC requests that Walter Ramsey consider the community solar option that was supposed to be on FRCOG's District Local Technical Assistance (**DLTA**) funding list when making his recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Moved Chris, Tim seconded Tim, all vote in favor

Winserts:

Upon request, we will work to get winserts for Wendy's office as well. Sally has the measurements. Tim will look into whether we can order materials through CET.

Green Com Grants:

Chris will ask Jim Barry (perhaps we can propose something reasonable) what options are available for funding projects in town-owned buildings that are operated by school districts?

Inquire about potential projects for grants: Sally will ask Bob Trombley and Walter. Pam will ask librarians.

Decals:

Sally gave Chris the decal surveys taken to date for him to analyze. Sally will write press release and update Facebook page, and try to get notice on our town web page.

Notice:

FRCOG 201 forum is this Thursday

Future Agendas:

Can Walter make meeting 10 minutes once a month?