

Minutes Montague Energy Committee Meeting December 23, 2014, Downstairs Meeting Room

Present – Pam Hanold, Sally Pick, Jeff Singleton, Tim Van Egmond.

Designate facilitator, scribe, action item checker: Sally, facilitator, Tim taking minutes, Richard action item checker.

Minutes from Dec. 9, 2014 meeting: minutes were approved.

Discussion of checking on action items between meetings.

Pam asked about how to post agenda and approved minutes. Email to Ann Clark: planningclerk@montague-ma.gov.

Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline

Sally attended by phone the last MA Low Gas Demand Modeling Analysis. Impression that the assumption of the Analysis was that we needed an additional gas pipeline. Important to see what the final study shows when it comes out, which will be soon – Sally will send final study around.

Committee discussed the study and the responses to it. In the meantime, Sally will send a link to comments on the Analysis.

Town Energy Issues

- No update on Sheffield School boiler from Chris.

• PV on landfill proposal. Revio claimed at Dec. 8, 2014 Selectboard Meeting that they approached MEC about proposal, and further claimed we said we weren't interested. Discussion of how to set record straight - that “contrary to the statement reported in the local papers from the Selectboard Meeting of Dec. 8, 2014 by Revio that the MEC was not interested in installing PV on the landfill, we did not have a conversation with Revio and have, in fact, supported the town's efforts to get Solar on the landfill.”

Motion that Sally and Pam polish the statement and send it to Frank and Walter to be read on record at the next Select Board meeting. Motion carried.

- Senior Center Feasibility Study. Pam reported that it's looking likely that Senior Center would be built next to Town Hall. We're not at point yet of weighing in on energy efficiency for Center.

New agenda item: discussion of energy standards committee would like to set for new town buildings or renovations. Policy recommendation.

- Shea Walk-Through: Pam reported that project seems to be moving along nicely.

Energy Efficiency Outreach: no update.

- MassCEC grant to FRCOG

Report on Green Communities grant standing – Walter sent around an update to MEC.

FRTA, other public transportation

- Jeff recommended that MEC look at his presentation, examine issues and trade-offs involved.

Agenda item – discuss allocating time at February meeting for Jeff's proposal.

Draft letter to Governor-elect Baker: postponed to next meeting.

Agenda for next meeting: Sally will send to Deb and Anne Clark at town.

We all need to send Conflict of Interest test receipt to Town Clerk by Feb. 2.