

Montague Energy Committee

July 21, 2015 6:15-8:15 PM

Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room

Present: Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Jeff Singleton, Pam Hanold.

Approve minutes 7/15/15.

Approved but need to attach Jeff's statement to FRCOG and the following edit:

Move "Building staffed only 16 hours per week" to refer to Montague Center Library.

Designate facilitator and scribe: Chris facilitated, Sally took minutes.

Update on FRCOG outreach/marketing RFP

Peggy Sloan has sent to Chris and Sally an update on the campaign. Chris read Peggy's email to the committee and will forward email to committee.

FRCOG has finalized contracting process with Coop Power.

Richard has joined board of Pioneer Valley Housing Coop.

- Some in Montague; lot of section 8 housing.
- Possible collaboration.

Another possible collaborator is the Franklin Regional Housing Authority.

Town energy issues:

Sheffield boiler/burner - update/next steps

Walter responded to Joanne Blier's email regarding

- Still waiting on META grant.
- Scope of work for Sheffield audit includes recommendations for a temporary backup solution for the current backup boiler that does not work.

Shea Theater Boiler Upgrade –update/next steps

- Walter said that the Shea work probably won't be done until the spring.
- Can't change heating in mid winter, during the heating season.

Ask town what are the obstacles to having Shea work done before March 2016.

- Pam will talk with Walter to let him know that MEC would like to bring this to select board. Pam will try to set up a time when Chris can be on phone and Walter, Pam, Sall and possibly Rich Kuklewizc (by phone) can meet with Walter in person.

- Want to get clear what obstacles are to Shea work getting done and want to clarify with the selectboard what options will follow for Sheffield boiler depending on Shea timeline.
- May want to open conversation up to select board and clarify their options for Sheffield boiler if Shea is delayed, to see if there are any other ways to approach project.

If no way to get Shea work done before early spring, 2016, will require:

- Going to Town Meeting for funds for a temporary backup heating option.
 - Or going to Town Meeting for funds for backup heating system and other efficiency recommendations made by energy assessor.
 - Or delay request for funds for backup boiler and other energy efficiency recommendations from Green Communities grant in 2017.
- Chris will inform Joanne and Jim of Sheffield and will invite Greg Garrison of CIC to selectboard discussion.
 - Jeff will request time on the July 27th select board meeting and inform committee.

Montague Center Library mold problem

No update.

Invite tech school rep(s)

- See how we could collaborate, possibly call on their expertise, student training.
- How could tech school play role in implementing MEC's goals.
- Offer time at beginning of meeting August 4th or 18th.

New Issues to address

K-M pipeline

Discuss endorsing statement to FERC: Jeff needs to send to committee.

FRCOG intervention/protection agreement: no discussion.

FRTA

Committee reviewed comments drafted by Jeff to FRTA in response to their draft Comprehensive Service Analysis.

- MEC quote to add in support of general gist of Jeff's letter to FRTA:

Motion made and approved to add the following quote to Jeff's letter:

- "The Montague Energy Committee endorses Jeff Singleton's concern that the

Comprehensive Service Analysis (CSA) may not sufficiently address one core goal to reduce vehicle miles travelled by offering viable alternatives and supports adding these comments to the CSA appendix of public comments.”

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

Plan agenda for next meeting: August 4th.

Votes may be taken