

## **Montague Energy Committee**

July 19, 2016 6:15-7:45 PM, Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**Present:** Sally Pick, Tim Van Egmond, Chris Mason, Pam Hanold, Jason Burbank.

**Designate facilitator and scribe:** Chris facilitated; Tim took minutes.

### **Town energy issues:**

#### **Update on Park & Rec EE measure:**

- Sally has emailed John Dubose contact information for Franklin Tech, so he can ask if they'd be interested in helping weatherize the Field House as a student project.

#### **Shea Theater Boiler Upgrade –update/next steps:**

- Pam reported that Walter said work is moving forward, and should be done in time for new Green Communities grant application. Roof top unit will be replaced, (needs to be outside of building – not most efficient, but inside would make too much noise for performances). Pam will follow up and ask about additional design details.

#### **Library bldgs. mold problems:**

**Still no word from Linda Hickman re state recommendations.**

#### **Additional building issues:**

- **Montague Center Common Hall**
  - Ways to encourage energy efficiency?
  - Small building that's used infrequently: small energy impact.
- **DOER changing META process**
  - Funds will now go thru regional planning agencies
    - Possible opportunities for town buildings.

#### **Informing energy committee re Town structural & infrastructure procurement work:**

Tabled

**Municipal aggregation:** No report.

**Franklin Co Green Tour in Montague:** No report.

**Green Hero for Montague:** No report.

**Tree Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Airport Solar Farm:** No report.

**Town Vehicles, potential for electric vehicles and charging stations:**

- Further exploring vehicle issue, question of new car for Fire Chief.
  - MEC will track availability of hybrid police cruisers for future options.
  - MEC will also track grants for electric vehicles and chargers.

**New members for energy committee:**

- Chris proposed that we move to meeting once a month, to better attract new members and avoid burnout.
- Consensus to be on lookout for potential members.

**Sheffield Audit - update/next steps:**

- **Jason said that he would like to meet or have a conference call with the audit designer and Jim Huber to ask questions and get a better sense of what the figures mean. Other members will join him as possible.**
- **Jason was surprised at the high level of savings projected with the lack of breadth of the measures.**

**New META grant:**

- **Information has been passed on to Walter.**

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

**Plan agenda for next meeting**

**Votes may be taken**

**Action items**

- Pam will follow up on Shea Theater and ask about additional design details.
- Pam will call Linda Hickman re status of library mold issues.
- Chris will check Mass Energy Insight to see if they have listing of police stations and their energy use across the state.
- Jason will try to set up a meeting or conference call to learn more about the Sheffield audit.
- Chris will check with Peggy Sloan at FRCOG re new DOER META grant process set to go through regional planning agencies and opportunities for Town to tap this for Town buildings.
- **All members will consider who to invite to join the committee.**