

Montague Energy Committee Town Hall-1st Floor Meeting Room  
Wednesday, July 3, 2019, 6:30-8 PM

Present: Tim Van Egmond, Sally Pick, Ariel Elan, Chris Mason, Pam Hanold.  
Facilitator & Scribe: Chris facilitating, Tim scribing.

**Approve minutes from 6/5/19 Meeting:** Tabled until Minutes distributed.

**Heating system options for Sheffield/Hillcrest school buildings:**

Ariel summarized her conversation with Tom Bowman on the META grant study. Tom will look at air source heat pumps and ventilation. Need to finalize contract with T.B. to avoid losing him. Steve Ellis is following up to negotiate 3 items needed – projected completion date, means of feedback/asking questions, building plans (lost in fire 1988). Energy Committee will report to CIC at their next meeting. Jason will write a proposal for another META grant to study control systems at the admin and school buildings.

**Engaging landlords & tenants in energy efficiency:** Sally said she was pleased with the Drawdown Montague-sponsored meeting. 14 attended, 3 of them landlords. After introductory remarks, there were two tables (MassSave and Community Action) where people could ask questions about their particular situations. She now has list of 70 landlords from Assessor's Office.

**DPW Building:** Contract has been approved, including 4 alternates. One was radiant heating in floor of vehicle storage, one was radiant heating in shop area.

**Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED:** Chris reported that George Woodbury plans to get Fire District on the list for MAPC grant to reduce cost of the project. Meeting next Tues. to clarify unresolved questions about distribution of responsibility between town and prudential committee for grant funding. Chris expressed uncertainty about the accuracy of the information he was presenting to the Energy Committee.

**Solar Bylaws:** Sally has been more active with Climate Action Now, resisting how solar bylaws are being circumvented by large solar corporations. Chris said Northampton put in restriction that solar couldn't be put in if more than a given number of board feet need to be removed. Lack of state enforcement preventing removal of trees after land bought, then applying for permit for solar a year later. Requiring carbon balance from applicants, identify forest resources. Lookback stipulation.

**Report on CIC meeting if there was one since last meeting:** there hasn't been a meeting.

**Free Eversource EV public chargers for Turners & Millers Falls:** Pam will check with Walter on the status of this, and ask if the town could use the MEC's assistance to move it forward. Tim will send information from the state RMV on the number of EVs and plug-in hybrids in the 5 villages to the committee.

**Action Items:**

Chris will send agenda for next meeting in for posting.

Tim will forward RMV information on the number of EVs and plug-ins in the 5 villages to the committee.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6:30 PM.