

Montague Energy Committee

Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 11/06/2019 6:30-8PM

Present: Chris Mason, Tim VanEgmond, Ariel Elan, Jason Burbank

Chris facilitating; Jason taking minutes.

Approved minutes from 10/23/19.

Designate facilitator and scribe: Chris facilitator; Jason scribe.

Chris notes it is still on his task list to address latest BBRC building code changes, relaxing net zero incentives.

Heating system options for Sheffield/Hillcrest school buildings

Ariel notes

Conversations with the school maintenance department and Joanne identified asbestos concerns with continuing maintenance of existing of existing system or any modifications.

Chris identified our concern of best spending the \$600k needed for oil tank replacement on some better option. Chris also noted his discussion with Steve Ellis indicated that Tom Bowman was looking for payment for the study. Ariel has yet to get comment to Tom on is study.

Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED

At the meeting today, Steve Ellis, Dave Zamojski chair of the prudential committee, and with TF Fire District, he is still working on a process to go forward, noting that the feasibility study showed a two year payback. George was highly pushing LED's. Other members are favorable to this process.

Free Eversource EV public chargers for Turners Falls & Millers Falls

Chris noted there was a company looking to lease parking spaces to put in level 3 chargers in Northampton. Chris will mention to EV Go that Turners may be a possible location.

Outreach to landlords & tenants

- Sally not here.

Town letters of support/testimony

No changes, Sally not here.

- MA 100% Renewable Energy Act: tabled
- Rep. Benson's Carbon Pricing Bill: tabled
- BBRS steps backward on net zero stretch code: Baker just removed green building specialists from BBRS. Chris will try to draft letter from MEC.

Solar bylaws: tabled

DPW Building: No report.

Report on CIC meeting if there was one since last meeting:

Josh Lively, chair, said that CIC will look at all town buildings and take inventory of needs.

- MEC may want to ask CIC to consider energy audits as part of assessing town buildings.

Town buildings and energy infrastructure, including Sally's list of town energy: tabled

Discuss future directions, priorities of committee, building membership: tabled

Plan agenda for next meeting

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Votes may be taken

Action items: none noted.

Next meeting: Monday December 3, 2019 6:30-8.