

Montague Energy Committee

By Zoom, 4-5:00 PM

Present: Chris Mason, Sally Pick, Ariel Elan, Pam Hanold, Tim Van Egmond, Jason Burbank, Pam Hanold

Chris facilitating; Jason taking minutes.

Approval of minutes was tabled.

Comments re state-level advocacy: Climate bill & Clean Energy & Climate Plan for 2030

- We note that the Climate bill has been passed.
- Sally sent comments on the Climate Plan as an individual.
- Discussed DOER biomass regulations.

Status reports

- **Outdoor lighting upgrades to LEDs**
 - Nothing new.
- **Status of adjustments to solar bylaws.**
 - MEC will review these model bylaws and Montague solar bylaws to further discuss.
- **DPW Building**
 - Anecdotal reports indicated the building is using significantly less oil.
 - Controls and monitoring: no significant new developments.
- **Tracking use of Massachusetts C-PACE:**
 - Nova Motorcycles: Discussed Nova C-Pace Application. See Tim Van Egmonds attached email of March 25 and 27. Sally Pick will follow up.

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Announcements

- Sally was on the website for net zero stretch code. Referred to next meetings agenda.
- Tim will be telling a story Wed. 28th 8-9:30 EDT dealing with Climate protection.

Plan agenda for next meeting

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

Action items:

- Chris reach out to Walter for DPW
- Sally will reach out to Julie Cowan of Mass development about the Nova Motorcycle's C-Pace Application.
- Everyone should review Sally's email on solar bylaws.
- Review three sets of minutes for approval next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 25, 4pm

Tim Van Egmond email 3/27/2021

Peter,

Thank you for your email. Please let me know what you learn from Julie Cowan when you're able.

Tim Van Egmond
Montague Energy Committee

On Mar 25, 2021, at 1:10 AM, Peter Chilton <peterchilton@hey.com> wrote:

Tim and Steve,

We (Nova) reached out to 2 PACE lenders. We explained our plan and both lenders were not that interested in providing funding because of our low (\$125000) amount. So while the state did not include a minimum loan amount in their legislation, the private lenders definitely have one in their minds.

The other downside to the loan is that it comes with relatively high closing costs, estimated at about \$18k which can be rolled into the loan,

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but still expensive. Additionally the administration fees...which were not fully disclosed until we got the approval, which I think they said was about \$1000 a year.

We thought it may still be worth the added costs because we had no other options but the lenders didn't seem interested.

I reached out to Julie Cowan at MassDev about our experience and she indicated that she would get in touch with them and see what could be done. I will touch base with her this week to see if she was able to twist some arms.

Peter Chilton
Nova Motorcycles
m: 508-963-6572

On March 24, 2021, StevenE - Montague Town Administrator <townadmin@montague-ma.gov> wrote:
Hi Tim

I've not received any updates from Nova Motorcycles or any other entity that would indicate they have committed to make use of the program. It was described last Fall by Nova's Peter Chilton as a resource they were considering, but not committed to pursue. I've cc'd him on the chance he can offer an update to the Energy Committee.

Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy Van Egmond <tim@timvanegmond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:29 PM
To: StevenE - Montague Town Administrator <townadmin@montague-ma.gov>
Subject: Montague business interested in C-PACE

Hi Steve,

The Energy Committee would like to track use of C-PACE. Do you know if the business that was interested in it (Nova Motorcycles?) is still interested or has pursued it any further?

Many thanks,
Tim