

Tuesday January 25, 2022

## **Montague Energy Committee**

By Zoom, 4:30-6 PM

Meeting being taped.

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**Present:** Chris Mason, Ariel Elan, Pam Hanold, Tim Van Egmond, Bob Rueter, Jason Burbank. Sally Pick joined meeting at about 4:55 PM.

**Chris facilitating; Tim taking minutes.**

**Approved minutes from Dec. 28, 2021**

### **State-level energy-related policies & legislation**

- Municipal sign-on letter for Green Future Act drafted by Bob was approved last meeting. He reported that he and Sally went over it further, sent it to Wendy with request that it be on the Jan. 31 Select Board meeting agenda.
- Letter from Sally on 100% Clean Act: tabled until Sally joined meeting. Sally reported that she hasn't drafted the letter yet on behalf of the committee yet. Given Feb. 2 deadline for bills going out of committee, may not be enough time unless deadline extended by TUE. Any individual can send in their own letter. If it does get reported out favorably by TUE, we will revisit asking the town to support passage.

### **Federal grants**

- Pam said her feeling is that it wouldn't make sense for the Committee to make a specific recommendation on the use of Recovery Act Funds at this time. Bulk of it may go to Water Pollution Control Facility. It seems that ventilation is pretty far down the list in priorities. It would be good in the future to be ready to advise on building rehabilitation.

### **Energy-related Facility Updates:**

- Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED
  - Tim reported that he contacted David Leh of Lighting District last week, who told him he'd handed task of finding dates for a meeting to Becca Savaluski (sp.?). Tim emailed her, and resent to her today with an additional request to send Chris a copy of their budget with line items. This would help Chris evaluate financing possibilities. Also, David told Tim Bruce Watson is a new member of the Lighting District. Tim also emailed Bruce today to fill him in

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and suggest a chat. There was discussion about how the District is skittish about financing.

- Ventilation  
Jason will contact Chris Sawyer Lacano about European ventilation plus filtration standards for general health.

**Examine the role of the Committee in educating the public:**

Pam said she proposed the topic, but hasn't been able to think of specific ideas. Chris said it's a matter of "band width." He reminded the committee that Sally had an Energy Corner column in the Reporter to highlight energy matters, and any member is welcome to do that if able.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Plan agenda for next meeting**

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

**Action items:**

- Bob will send approved Dec. 28 minutes to planning department for online posting.
- Jason will call Heath Cummings about management of ventilation in the school buildings.
- Sally will follow up with Wendy to confirm that municipal sign-on letter for Green Future Act is on the agenda for the Jan. 31 Select Board meeting.
- Jason will contact Chris Sawyer Laucanno about European ventilation plus filtration standards for general health.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday Feb. 22, 2022, 4:30-6pm