

MONTAGUE ENERGY & SOLAR PLANNING COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday January 24, 2023, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85058218949?>

Meeting ID: 850 5821 8949, Passcode: Montague, Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Votes May Be Taken

Designate facilitator and scribe 4:30 PM

Discussion w/ Asst. Town Planner Walter Ramsey about prioritizing energy measures. 4:35 PM

- Discuss recommending installations of solar PV on municipal buildings, using ARPA funds already allocated to Town.

Approve minutes from Dec. 27 MEC meeting (vote) 4:50 PM

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 4:55 PM

Review energy project ideas compiled by Sally for Town in preparation for upcoming new funding sources, including ARPA monies allocated in a MA bill in the near future and federal Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Act funds assigned to the state.

Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy Extension. 5:10 PM

Energy Related Facility Updates. 5:15 PM

- Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED
- Elementary School ventilation – check-in w/ Heath Cummings: ventilation running all the time?
- Information on net zero and energy efficient techniques, including embodied carbon.
- Town discussion beginning Feb. 16 about the Montague Center Library and the future of the Old Town Hall building, where the library is located; possible energy-related aspects.

State & federal level energy-related policies and legislation updates. 5:20 PM

- Discussion of Town opting into specialized Net zero stretch code
- Other legislation & policies, including Green Bank, Inflation Reduction Act updates.

Methane: 5:30 PM

- Letter to Maura Healy about reducing methane emissions & stopping new pipelines.
- Update on gas industry seeking to prolong the use of methane fuel.

How Chris Mason's new job w/ Green Communities affects his role on this Committee. 5:35 PM

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting 5:45 PM

Announcements (no discussion) 5:50 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:55 PM