

MONTAGUE ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday October 21, 2025, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by Zoom:

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Votes May Be Taken

Designate facilitator and scribe, roll call of members who are present 4:32 PM.

Special appreciation and farewell for Ariel Elan. 4:35 PM

Approve minutes from August 26 and September 9, 2025 MEC meetings (vote). 4:40 PM

General updates and discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator. 4:45 PM

- **Quorum requirements for Committee, reduce number of places for members?**
- **Other updates & discussion**

Discussion with Chris Nolan-Zeller, Asst. Town Administrator exploring possibility of becoming a Climate Leader Community. 4:50 PM

- Responses to the Select Board's (SB) questions.
 - Possible impacts of Zero Emission First Policy on Police Dept. vehicle purchases.
 - Would dept. be required to buy all-electric new cruisers now or in the near future?
 - What additional info do we have on how other communities are complying?
 - Analysis of how costs would be impacted if the Police Dept. were required to purchase electric police cruisers with each replacement instead of the hybrid or gas vehicles it currently uses.
 - Charging costs, incentives.
 - Cost of charging stations, including DPW.
 - New information on developers' concerns about Specialized Stretch Code (if any).

Further Planning and Preparation for putting ZEV First policy in place 5:10 PM.

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

- Eversource Smart Meters now being installed.
 - Article on how consumers can use them to lower electricity costs?

Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy. Extension. 5:25 PM

* Approach land trusts re: protecting high value conservation lands that could be sited for large arrays.

Schools and Energy. 5:30 PM

Energy Related Town Facility Updates. 5:35 PM

- MA Building Electrification Accelerator (BEA) offer to help Montague explore town building electrification: ideas of buildings to explore with them.
- Potential of energy capture from wastewater treatment.
- Information on net zero & energy efficient techniques and policy updates on embodied carbon.
- Brief summary of MA Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Council draft proposal.
- Shared MA Climate Action Network's language for RFP's on embodied carbon in building materials with several town staff and SB, for possible use for new Town buildings.

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 5:35 PM

[Energy Saver Home Loan Program \(ESHLP\)](#) and promotion of program. 5:45 PM

- Letter to Montague Reporter Editor?

Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting. 5:50 PM

Announcements (no discussion). 5:54 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:56 PM